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Eyeing Flood Reduction, Township Approves Caps On Impervious Surfaces

After hearing opinions, both positive and negative, from a number of residents with specific interests Monday night, Princeton Township Committee unanimously approved an ordinance devised to curtail further flooding in a municipality whose residents have already suffered their share of flood-related headaches.

While the ordinance limits the square-footage of impervious surfacing on single-family lots, it is not expected to mitigate flooding that already occurs. Its purpose is to keep matters from getting worse in often-saturated parts of the Township, including the Harry's Brook and Riverside neighborhoods.

But the surface coverage caps, mandated in response to an increasing number of driveways and home additions being constructed, was cause for alarm for some residents who worried that placing limits on lot development would have a negative impact on property values.

Norman Callaway, of the real estate broker NT Callaway, said that while provisions in the Township were necessary, the ordinance could ultimately affect the value of some homes and that the restrictions should be applied to the harder-hit areas rather than to the entire Township.

"I think maybe the Harry's Brook area does need more attention than other areas in Princeton, and we ought to spend a little more time talking about this ordinance," he said.

But Olivia Applegate, the Random Road resident who has been among the supporters of the now-adopted Township ordinance, said that flooding has, in part, been the result of increased development in other parts of the Township, and not just those that flood the most.

"Let's work with the ordinance for a year," she said, adding that it should be reassessed and amended if necessary.

Princeton-Kingston Road resident Robert Von Zumbusch agreed. "Tweak the ordinance," he said, "but it's a mistake to not pass it now."

According to Joe Skupien, a storm-water consultant contracted with the Township, when an additional 25

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A GROUNDBREAKING DAY FOR SENIOR HOUSING: Princeton Community Housing (PCH) was host to municipal, county, and federal officials Monday at the Elm Court senior housing complex on Elm Road for the official groundbreaking for Elm Court II, the 68-unit planned complex immediately adjacent to the original 88-unit building. Pictured, from left, are Sandra Persichetti Rothe, PCH executive director; Sheila Berkelhammer, PCH trustee; Brian Hughes, Mercer County executive; Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman; Carole Krauthamer, PCH trustee; Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand; Rep. Rush Holt (D-12); Connie Loukatos, director of the Philadelphia Multifamily Hub Office for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Harriet Bryan, PCH trustee and chair of the Elm Court II Committee; and former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed.

Ground Broken for Senior Complex

After a series of setbacks that resulted in the delay last month of the groundbreaking for Elm Court II, the planned affordable 62-and-up senior housing complex on Elm Road, Princeton Community Housing (PCH) officially broke ground Monday on the project that will add 67 low-income senior units to Princeton's affordable housing stock.

The seven-plus acres of land that straddle the Borough-Township municipal border will serve as the home to the sister building of the original Elm Court, the 88-unit senior housing facility built in 1985.

The new 66,000 square-foot building is to be named the "Harriet Bryan House," in honor of the chair of the Elm Court II Committee and a PCH trustee. Cost of land acquisition and construction will ultimately come out to around \$9.5 million, with more than \$7 million of that bill footed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, awarded to PCH in January 2004.

Mercer County contributed about \$540,000 to the project and private monies were donated as well.

The planned 44 percent expansion

will bring the total number of senior units at the site to 155, including a two-bedroom apartment for the Elm Court superintendent. Also slated for the new complex are a community kitchen and a dining room.

PCH, a non-profit organization, also received a \$1.3 million commitment, formally approved by HUD last month,

for Project Rental Assistance. That portion of the grant will subsidize rents for low-income seniors who qualify under HUD's Section 202 Supportive Housing Program.

But by the time that long-delayed commitment was approved, the lasting effects of Hurricane Katrina had

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Borough Narrowly Approves E-3 Changes As Shuttle Is Used to Offset Parking

By a narrow margin, as expected, the Princeton Borough Council cast a 3-2 vote last Tuesday in favor of an ordinance that will allow an additional 100,000 square feet of development capacity in the Borough's E-3 zoning district.

Changes to the zone, which encompasses Princeton University's Engineering Quadrangle (E-Quad), were sought by the University as it looked for a new home for its Princeton Institute for the Science and Technology of Materials (PRISM), a building that could potentially exceed 100,000 square feet.

Before the ordinance was approved, the E-3 contained about 82,000 remain-

ing square feet of buildable space, but with the passing of the ordinance, space open to development of the area, roughly bound by Washington Road, Murray Place, William Street, and Prospect Avenue, will increase to 300,000 square feet.

The increase in allowed developable space has been the center of a nearly-year-long debate about how to handle the University's growth as related to the school's annual voluntary contributions to the Borough. Though a tax exempt institution, Princeton is the largest tax payer in both the Borough and Township as it pays sewer and

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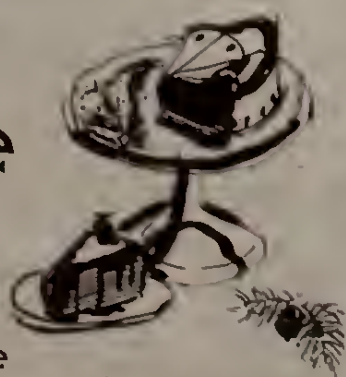
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Increased development costs.

"Two steps back," said Ms. Bryan during the groundbreaking ceremony Monday. PCH subsequently delayed their project, but received quick word from HUD and were able to move forward with sufficient funding.

"It has been a long road," Ms. Bryan said, "but we're thrilled to be here."

When PCH acquired the lands for Elm Court II in 1999, it faced several battles with residents, largely to the north, that ultimately resulted in shrinking the original plan, which was for 74 units housed in a 79,000 square-foot building.

The new structure will be attached to the west end of the existing Elm Court building and is expected to range from two to three stories, with a target completion date sometime in 2007, said Sandra Rothe, PCH executive director.

She added that Elm Court II currently has 90 people on its waiting list.

Rep. Rush Holt (D-12), who was in attendance along with members of Borough Council and Township Committee, as well as Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, lauded PCH in its efforts, but said that more federal funding should be made available.

"We have a crying need for affordable housing," he said.

Mr. Hughes agreed. The county executive pushed for the idea of "aging in place."

"We want to make the intergenerational approach real and sustainable."

—Matthew Hersh

Town Topics Annual Holiday Fund Continues

Now in its 58th year, the Town Topics Holiday Fund continues to receive donations from our readers to help improve the quality of lives of people in the Princeton community.

This year, the fund has allocated money toward the Princeton Senior Resource Center for support services for older adults, their families, and caregivers. These services include information and referral to community resources, counseling, and consultations, support groups, and education, as well as healthy aging programs.

The goal of the Princeton Senior Resource Center is to help people age in place in the community with dignity, to stay physically, mentally, and socially active, and to help them transition smoothly and safely when that is necessary. PSRC has a particular commitment to assisting those in the community with the fewest resources.

Money has also been allocated toward Princeton Young Achievers (PYA). PYA is an academically oriented after-school program that serves children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, offering homework support, tutoring, and enrichment activities in science and language arts. Over 100 students are served each week at centers located on Clay Street, Redding Circle, and in Princeton Community Village.

Princeton Nursery School will also receive support from the Town Topics Holiday Fund. Located on Leigh Avenue, the school was founded in 1929 and 90 percent of the students live within walking distance. It is multiethnic and multiracial, with a predominantly African American and Latino population. The school has a history of parental and community involvement, and is very much a part of the surrounding community, currently serving 44 families in Princeton with tuition based on family size and income. Meeting the tuition obligation becomes more difficult during the winter because many families rely on seasonal employment such as landscaping.

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RECORD EXCHANGE HITS A QUARTER-CENTURY: The Princeton Record Exchange, having established itself as a destination for music enthusiasts and casual listeners alike, is celebrating 25 years in Princeton this year.

(Photo by E. J. Greenblatt)

Celebrating 25 Years of Vinyl Heaven: Princeton Record Exchange Goes Silver

Music enthusiasts take note: if you continue reading this column, be prepared to spend freely and uncontrollably for hours on end at what is arguably the best independent record store in the region and among the best in the country.

With that said, you might already be familiar with the drawing power of the Princeton Record Exchange and what it offers at 20 S. Tulane Street in downtown Princeton. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the Record Exchange, or P-Rex as some fondly dub it, has caused music lovers of

all kinds to willingly (and quite happily) unleash their wallets on intended purchases, and, in the best cases, on the stumbled-upon, unintended purchases found while browsing through up-

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wards of 160,000 new and used CDs, LPs, DVDs, and videos.

The Record Exchange is a magnet for music lovers from around the country. Many of us have even spotted the famous Record Exchange beacon — the bright-yellow plastic bag — in places far from its humble home in Princeton Borough. Or else we have heard the stories from some enthusiast who discovered a vinyl pressing lost in the depths of obscurity, or a compact disc, long forgotten by American labels, but still embraced by some foreign distributor (for twice the cost, of course).

For locals, the record shop in that long anomaly of a building between a parking lot and John's Shoe Shop has provided a consistent and competitive selection of music of all kinds: from classical to Cash; rock to rumba; Bollywood to Bach, even if you don't find it at the Record Exchange, you're going to find a whole lot of everything else.

One customer's story could serve as that of virtually every regular customer. On this particular day, early in December, Brian Groth enters the store while on a lunch break from his job in Belle Meade, and he makes a bee-line for the "recent arrivals/unfiled" cds.

"These are the ones that either just came in or that people were holding, considering to buy, and for whatever reason, put them down; this is where I always look first."

Mr. Groth is not alone. Most regulars have their favorite sections: Rock and Alternative; New Arrivals; Classical; Bargain Bin; DVD; jazz; you name it, but after the customary checking of the bag at the door, most customers have a destination and explore from there.

At weekday opening time, 10 a.m., there are already serious browsers plowing their way through the stacks.

But a good sampling for the casual customer of what the Record Exchange is offering is what is featured in the "New Arrivals" section

In most larger, commercial record stores, the new releases section comprises a veritable "what's hot" taste of the Top Forty, but here, you can find recently released nuggets: performers like UK vocalist Kate Bush, hip hop artists the Roots, reggae legend Bob Marley, guitarist Charlie Hunter, and John Coltrane (who needs no introduction).

But it wasn't always this way. Since its renovation three-and-a-half years ago, the Record Exchange has taken on a new look, but maintained all the collector charm. Before that, it was a slightly messier, dingier, dustier affair, and before that, well, let Barry Welsfeld, owner, baseball nut, and one

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of many brains behind the scenes, tell the story:

"I went to college for marketing at the University of Hartford, graduated college and was a deejay at some clubs."

This was the mid-1970s, mind you, so Mr. Weisfeld was playing the club music of the time, Disco — a genre that is not necessarily compatible with the current vibe at the Record Exchange. In fact, one could imagine disco and Mr. Weisfeld's love of baseball joining together with the White Sox's 1979 "Disco Demolition Night" at the old Comiskey Park where fans were encouraged to bring their least favorite disco records and watch them being detonated in center field.

Mr. Weisfeld is still a fan of disco, and, in fact, really does not pay a lot of attention to modern music. Even in the Record Exchange's embryonic stage, his taste was not necessarily what mattered most.

Beginning as a record gypsy traveling around to college campuses and selling records out of his van, Mr. Weisfeld "realized pretty quickly" that hard work and marketing were invaluable tools to the business.

After a stint at the the University of Maryland's bookstore, he eventually landed a regular spot selling records at the Rutgers Student Center in New Brunswick and subsequently established a connection with the Princeton University Store's music department.

By 1980, Mr. Weisfeld recalls being "within 24 hours" of signing a lease for a store in Long Island.

Turns out, we were the lucky ones.

"In retrospect, I figured if a local business were to survive, it had a better chance in Princeton," he said, citing the town's walkability and the college presence.

While walkability is a major factor in the Record Exchange's appeal, Mr. Weisfeld "totally underestimated" the driving factor, for it was the long distance driven by customers determined to get to his store that would ultimately ensure its success.

So from a van to 20 Nassau Street, the Record Exchange was born, with some 1,000 LPs and eight-track cassettes. The store was there in that tiny, narrow space for five years before moving to Tulane in 1985.

The Record Exchange has also been subject to every stereotype in the book when it comes to the classic independent record store. Anyone who has seen the movie *High Fidelity* knows that an independent record store is often depicted as having snotty, holler-than-thou staff members that claims to know more about music than you do, but, of course, does not.

In contrast, the Record Exchange boasts a surprisingly willing staff that actually knows quite a bit about music. There is no litmus test for being hired there, other than a passion for music, said Jon Lambert, the general manager of the store since 1989.

Mr. Lambert, a Princeton native, who, like many, "grew up" with the Record

Exchange, is in charge of staff hiring, troubleshooting store problems, and design of the showroom floor. But when it comes to staff, Mr. Lambert said individuality and the quality of people is what he looks for when hiring someone.

"I feel that the preconceived notion of a 'super-hip' record store is really wrong in a lot of ways," he said. But he did say that traditional customer service, in the more-aggressive "can-I-help-you" manner was not the aim of the store. "I like that, personally. I like to leave people alone."

"We have such an incredible stock that I think it sells itself. We're not like a mall store where people say 'let me sell you the Top Five.'"

All those elements combined could leave a customer used to a more commercial environment put-off, even slightly intimidated, but take it from the scores of customers seated on the floor flipping through stacks and stacks hidden gems: individuality and privacy is not only important, it's essential to shopping at the Record Exchange.

"Most people here understand that it's the love of music that counts, and it doesn't really matter what type of music you like." That, Mr. Lambert said smiling, is how Mr. Weisfeld can get away with liking disco.

Both Mr. Weisfeld and Mr. Lambert discussed competition, which comes less in the form of other music stores, though that is a factor, than it does in the form of MP3s and other online downloads. In its battle with the Internet, the Record Exchange

has expanded exponentially its budget cd section where choice selections are available anywhere from \$1.99 to \$4.99 — a fraction of the cost of many online full-album downloads, often listed at \$9.99.

But, Mr. Lambert said, the intangibles also factors in how the Record Exchange competes with the Internet. Because of the store's forte, to browse and shop, the physicality of holding a product appeals to the store's clientele. "It's not fun to shop for music on the Internet," Mr. Lambert said, conceding that while there has been a dip in new CD sales, used LP and CD sales have increased greatly.

And, of course, let's not forget the records, the *raison d'être* of the Record Exchange. On any given day, a collector can be spotted unloading his or her car with hundreds of records to either sell or exchange. This, Mr. Weisfeld said, is what upholds the store's status as a destination.

"People bring in a lot of Beatles, Stones, modern jazz, bebop, Monk, Coltrane, Davis, Parker, Dylan, Hendrix, Floyd, and Led Zeppelin, but you have to know what to buy it for and what to sell it for."

It's the passion found in this, Mr. Weisfeld said, that after 25 years (more if you include the van days) that keeps him going.

"If I treated it like a hobby, we'd be out of business."

Fortunately, for the rest of us, this is no hobby.

—Matthew Hersh

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Rabner: Decision on UMCP Site Should Be Made Carefully, and Soon

After its December 8 hearing, the Regional Planning Board of Princeton was supposed to have arrived at a consensus on changing the community Master Plan as a lead in to eventually rezoning the University Medical Center at Princeton site, making way for future development.

When that decision did not come about and it was clear that any decision would not come until January, it left hospital representatives and even some members of the Planning Board scratching their heads, thinking that Master Plan parameters had ostensibly been set in subcommittee and that the hospital, three weeks after announcing its intended move to Plainsboro, would be in the preliminary stages of eventually selling its land to the Philadelphia firm, Lubert Adler, the intended

contract purchaser of the hospital's main 12-acre Witherspoon campus.

Princeton University has committed to purchasing the hospital's two other in-town land holdings: the nine-acre Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane and the surface parking lot on Franklin Avenue across from the hospital.

Issues of density have plagued the planning process for months. Residents of surrounding streets pleaded with Planning Board members for future development to be more in-line with surrounding neighborhoods. But many members of the Board said that a certain level of dense development is needed to achieve the housing goals, affordable and otherwise, for the community.

Meanwhile, Princeton HealthCare System, UMCP's

parent company, is hoping to achieve a substantial resale value of its property (with a preferable high level of density) so it can put those monies toward the building of a new \$350 million facility.

But after close to two years of planning, everything seems at a standstill.

Hospital officials have expressed concern that rising costs could begin to mount as new construction is delayed. But at the same time, some Planning Board members seem hesitant to change the Master Plan as proposed, citing a certain ambiguity.

"I think part of it that it is significant, it is complex, and there are a whole host of factors that would change under any re-use," said Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS, in an interview last week.

"It's a challenge for people, for any of us, to get our arms around it," he added.

For Mr. Rabner, traffic concerns should outweigh concerns about building height. He added that if the town, particularly the planners, desire affordability, the density would have to follow: "How can you have affordability if you don't have the density? I'm surprised that that's not viewed as important as I imagined it would be."

Several Planning Board members appear locked in the position that development on that site should take into account certain housing aims, and are busy listening to and trying to process the concerns of neighbors.

But at the end of the day,

Mr. Rabner said that the "significant financial ramifications" that come with construction delays (the hospital has targeted a 2007 groundbreaking date) is where the pressure lies.

"We just try to remain objective: It's such an important issue with the community that it shouldn't be rushed," he said.

"I just hope we all keep our noses to the grindstone and come up with the right answer."

—Matthew Hersh

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With Christmas falling on Sunday this year, the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, December 26, with no regular or retail services. All services will be resumed on Tuesday, December 27.

Topics In-Brief: A Community Bulletin

Judy's Flower Shop, a fixture at 360 Nassau Street inside the Whole Earth Center Plaza, closed abruptly this week, just before the peak of the holiday season. The cause was the result of a "personal problem" that could not be resolved, according to Herb Tuchman, president of the Monmouth Junction-based Princeton International Properties Inc., the firm that manages the former Judy's building. Mr. Tuchman said he was not ready to elaborate on the reason for the shop's close.

Princeton Township Committee paid tribute Monday night to Committeeman **Bill Enslin** who did not seek re-election this year and whose term expires December 31. The two-term Democrat is also a 17-year Township member of the Regional Planning Board—a post from which he is also retiring—but don't count him out: Mr. Enslin, 70, said he will remain involved in Township government and that he will "be around to make sure nobody goes off course." **Vicky Bergman**, also a Democrat, was elected to a three-year term in November to fill Mr. Enslin's seat. Herself a former three-year chairperson of the Planning Board, there is a chance that she will be chosen to fill Mr. Enslin's seat there as well. Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand is expected to appoint someone to fill that seat at the Township's January 4 reorganization meeting.

New Jersey Future is accepting nominations for the 2006 Smart Growth Awards. The award, which was given to **Princeton Future**, the **Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce**, **Princeton University**, and **Princeton Borough** in 2005 for the Borough's downtown redevelopment project, honors the town officials, developers, contractors, architects and corporations who have adopted "smart growth" design principles. Honorees will be recognized at an annual Smart Growth Awards Celebration in Spring 2006. The deadline for nomination submissions is Friday, January 6. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.njfuture.org.

Princeton University has offered admission to 599 students from a pool of 2,236 high school seniors who applied through early decision for the class of 2010. The number of early decision applicants increased 10 percent this year, the second year applicants could take advantage of Web-based forms. The admission office mailed notification letters to students on December 13.

West Windsor Township Council voted unanimously Monday night to declare a 350-acre, 65-property area encompassing the West Windsor at Princeton Junction train station as an area in need of redevelopment. The vote puts into motion a four-pronged series of events that will eventually lead to the redevelopment of the area, which some have envisioned as a transit village that includes shopping and housing. The plan will next go to the state Department of Community Affairs for approval of the decision. **Princeton Borough Council** took similar measures prior to embarking on its downtown redevelopment project.

Jon Solomon, the voice of and the brains behind the annual WPRB 24-hour Christmas show, is at it again. The 32-year-old Lawrenceville resident is gearing up for his music marathon broadcast on 103.3 FM from 6 p.m. Christmas Eve to 6 p.m. Christmas Day. This is the 18th edition of the show for the venerable deejay, who started, what is now an ostensible Princeton Institution, when he was only 15 years old. By his own admission, the program will be "full of rare, strange and confounding records that are however directly or vaguely holiday-related. Lots of songs, both good and bad, about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Year's and the snowy Winter months."

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Flood Reduction

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percent of impervious surfaces are added to a lot, it introduces the potential for flooding and stream erosion. Once homeowners begin to go above that

level, Mr. Skupien said, "we start to see significant rises in flooding."

That said, a homeowner can still seek a zoning variance if there is a chance the cap might be exceeded. An applicant expecting to go over the cap would have to

seek a variance and mitigate the increase with dry wells, catch basins, or stone trenches.

Mr. Skupien said that while the Township has had standards related to storm-water control in developments, it had not, up until now, set any for single-family homes.

Rosemary Blair of the Princeton Environmental Commission, which signed off on the ordinance last week, encouraged Committee to pass the code: "Frankly, it only seems fair that new construction helps downstream neighborhoods."

Committeeman Bill Heaton conceded that while the ordinance needed work regarding "clarity" (a reservation echoed by Committeeman Lance Liverman), the impact of not passing an ordinance could be more harmful in the long term.

"We have to take action; we're dealing with the benefit of the community as a whole."

—Matthew Hersh

Snow Day Activities At the Library Dec. 28

The Princeton Public Library will host Snow Day next Wednesday, December 28, beginning at 10 a.m. The full day of activities on the first and third floors will feature snowflake cutting, snow stories, snow crafts and snow science.

During craft sessions between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the third floor Activity Room, children will create snowmen and other snowy creatures using marshmallows, felt, cotton, and other everyday materials. The crafts are designed to appeal to children of most skill levels. Registration is requested.

Favorite snow stories will be told at three age-specific sessions in the third floor Story Room: 10 a.m. for children ages 2 to 4; 2 p.m. for ages 4 to 8; and 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 to 12.

Throughout the day, children will be invited to design and cut their own snowflakes.

Bill Barnard, a Snow Day veteran, will give a demonstration using liquid nitrogen at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The retired chemist will help children to discover how cold something really can become by demonstrating the effects of liquid nitrogen on soap suds, flowers and even bananas.

Space is limited for Mr. Barnard's session and registration is required. Please call (609) 924-9529, ext. 240, or visit the Youth Services Desk on the third floor of the library.

"Programs like Bill Barnard's have helped make Snow Day very popular with young people," said Jan Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department. "We're happy to welcome him back and to offer all of our other Snow Day favorites."

Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is at 65 Witherspoon Street in Princeton Borough.

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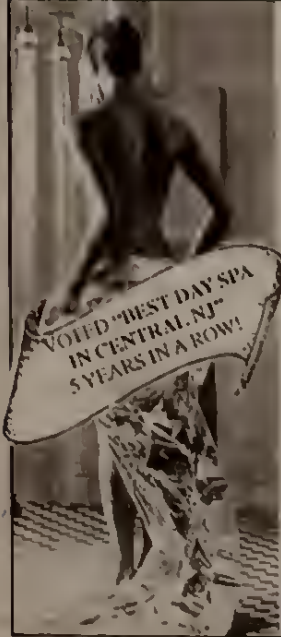
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E-3 Changes

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full property tax on several graduate facilities. The University's tax contribution for 2005 reached approximately \$8 million, with its voluntary contribution reaching roughly \$800,000.

Several members of Council worried that this ordinance would generate an influx of traffic, thus causing greater strains on the Borough's infrastructure, including roads and emergency services.

With two members of Council, Roger Martindell

and David Goldfarb, voting against the measure, the changes for the zone are expected to prolong a town-gown dialogue likely to result in increased University contributions to the Borough alter the new year.

The ordinance approval follows a lengthy dialogue between the University and residents of the Murray Place neighborhood, which abuts the E-3 on the eastern end. Residents there were worried that any new construction would cause more traffic and parking on side streets, and that new build-

ings would be visible from residences.

Additional compromises reached between the neighbors and the University included assurances for low-impact buildings, the retaining of a 250-foot landscaped buffer between any development and the homes, and the permanent closure of a driveway behind Murray Place.

Unorthodox Ordinance

In a somewhat unorthodox move, the University incorporated the use of its shuttle system, P-Rides, to offset additional parking and traffic. Under the new code, many users of the E-Quad will be required to be shuttled in from off site, in addition to using the parking garage that already exists. While perhaps not the first of its kind, the ordinance passed last Tuesday is rare, and could indicate a trend toward including public transit in ordinances to mitigate increases in parking requirements.

Prior to 1990, when the E-3 zone was established, the entire area was, in effect, not subject to zoning control. Developable space for the E-Quad at the time was upwards of 900,000 square feet and was "zoned down" when the University expressed a desire for further expansion. At the time, the main concern was to make sure there was enough parking in the neighborhood and to determine whether the now-existing parking garage should be built in the first place.

"From a Planning Board point of view, it was essential to build the garage because otherwise you'd have spill-over parking all over the nearby neighborhoods," said Marvin Reed in an interview Monday. Currently a member of the Regional Planning Board, Mr. Reed had worked on the original ordinance as both Borough Council president and subsequently as mayor.

As stipulated in the original 1990 E-3 ordinance, parking requirements for that zone had to be nearby and provided by the University.

At the same time, the Borough put restrictive two-hour parking limits on adjacent streets to deter University employees and students using the E-Quad from parking on neighborhood throughways.

But with last week's 100,000 square-foot increase in the E-3 and with the University's plans to build PRISM on the site, "there wasn't very much room left to put in additional parking," Mr. Reed said.

That basically left the University and the Borough in a position to contemplate what had changed in the 15 years since the E-3 was established, the most substantial change being the University's institution of the shuttle system.

"Rather than just building more and more parking lots and garages close to the center of town, it was in the Planning Board's interest that the shuttle worked and was maintained," Mr. Reed said. A stipulation in the newly-enacted E-3 ordinance is the annual review of the shuttle's efficacy and maintenance.

Mr. Reed said that the built-out nature of the Borough, especially toward the Central Business District, could one day lead to having broader shuttle or jitney requirements to subsidize parking for future development.

"Conceivably in the future, the ordinance might expand in other ways to accommodate and give us

a better way of managing our parking situation rather than simply tearing down buildings to create parking lots," he said.

—Matthew Hersh

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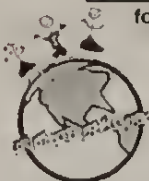
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MAILBOX

Town-Gown Commission Deemed Timely, With University Support Issue Looming

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to Clarence D. Chang of Princeton Borough.

Dear Mr. Chang:

Thank you for your letter appearing in the December 14 edition of Town Topics in which you stated your support for the creation of a commission to inquire into the appropriate level of financial support which Princeton University should provide to Princeton Borough.

The creation of such a commission is especially timely now that the University's initiative to re-zone the E-Quad is off the table, having been adopted by the Borough's governing body on December 13. The inquiry will be more meaningful because it can be undertaken by a bi-partisan independent body assisted by experts, free of the exigencies of particular University development initiatives, municipal tax increases, or other events affecting the parties that would otherwise color the commission's work.

Further, as the Borough's current agreement with the University for financial support expires in 2006, and therefore the debate regarding the level of the University's support for the town over the next few years will soon be upon us once more, it would be appropriate to maintain the current momentum toward a comprehensive analysis of the town-gown financial relationship. Such a comprehensive analysis can be best accomplished outside of the private, rough-and-tumble personal relationships between University administrators and local officials.

I hope you will solicit your friends, acquaintances, and neighbors, as well as your representatives on the Borough's governing body, to support the creation of such a commission.

ROGER MARTINDELL
Borough Councilman

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To the Editor:

Right about now there are many of us running around wondering what to get that special person on the list who has everything, is difficult to buy for, or just doesn't want another thing. Here's an idea. Does the person you want to remember have a special cause that is dear to their heart? Do they support a nonprofit with their time, talent, or treasure? If so, think about giving a gift in their name.

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And while honoring a loved one by making a charitable gift is quick and easy, its impact will make a real difference in the lives of others in the communities we call home.

NANCY KIELING
President and Executive Director
Princeton Area Community Foundation

University Should Not Be Expected To Make Unreasonable Contributions

To the Editor:

Here's hoping the financial challenge between the University and the Borough (and Township) may be worked out in a logical and constructive way. Nothing could be more important to our community.

Perhaps these thoughts may help.

In the language of land use regulation, the University represents an "inherently beneficial" use of its property, appropriately distinguished from commercial and other enterprises.

The substantial assets of the University are there for the educational purposes of the Institution. They are neither contributed nor managed for the benefit of local government, except that the University should be responsible for costs it imposes on its host municipalities. It should be possible to "do the numbers" for the proportion of total municipal service expenses actually committed to campus and other University-owned properties, such as police, fire, and any others not paid directly (like utilities).

The same should apply to school costs, which seem properly covered by University payment of taxes on its residential properties.

Beyond coverage of real costs incurred, the University should not be held for additional support, as by ransom for planning and zoning decisions. These should be made in their own right, including allocation of specific added costs they may impose.

Rather, the municipalities need to manage and balance their accounts properly, without demanding an extra allowance from "Big Daddy" beyond what's due for services rendered. It's a tough job, but lots of towns do it.

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Borough Council Is Offered Viewpoint On Top Priorities for Upcoming Year

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of an open letter sent to Princeton Borough Council. To Borough Council:

We sincerely thank all Council members for their public service in 2005. For 2006, your plate is full of problems, large and small. You will certainly have set your own priorities. Here are one citizen's thoughts about the major ones.

Reining in the increasing property taxes is our priority number one, two, and three. You can work on both increasing income and reducing expenses.

The obvious first direction for increasing income is the negotiation with Princeton University. Talking to a community relations person or a vice president of the University is useless. They are paid to shrug you off, and try to spin public opinion. You could organize an impressive group of Princeton citizens and go together directly to president Shirley Tilghman or to the University's trustees, much like Rodin's Burghers of Calais, but hopefully with a stick showing behind your backs. No more "donations," but calculated taxes, increasing yearly like ours. Are there ideas? A square-foot formula? Could all the dorms, eating facilities, and parking spaces of the University be made taxable, and their investment activities? Just mention, "You didn't expect your students to make occasional donations, you just increased their tuition, year after year." Hopefully, there could be some fair negotiation in a spirit of cooperation.

Also of interest for Borough Income is the development of taxable housing on top of the Palmer Square garage. If the owner does not finally proceed with the construction, could you take legal steps? Was a contract or understanding broken?

Expense reduction: If the Borough administration were a private business, one would aim at 5 percent productivity increase every year, or corresponding cost reduction. Look at each department and at the common overhead. Restrain or just slow down by some years all large and expensive projects.

Each department manager should have to live in Princeton Borough to fully share in our pain of tax increases.

Are public works, or the police department, as effective as a private enterprise would have to be? What neutral and qualified outside observer has looked into that lately?

Another problem is gangs and drugs, and guidance for our young generation. Could the Borough provide two hours per day jobs for our young generation, such as clean-up in town, office work, or service to the elderly? How about offering some tutoring for qualification at the Princeton Youth Orchestra?

If there are no other major problems in your jurisdiction, there is always the truck problem. Let me stop here and repeat my thanks for your public service. I trust that you will do an excellent job, as you have done in the past.

HELMUT SCHWAB
Westcott Road

A Fellow Trout Fisherman Remembers Raconteur Ernest Schwiebert, Fondly

To the Editor:

I've lived in Princeton for a long time, but was only fortunate enough to get to know Ernie Schwiebert, a fellow Princeton resident, in the past five years. It was my loss, as he was a remarkable person: a world traveler, a trout fisherman and author of note and fame, and a raconteur supreme whose presence at a dinner was a true guarantee of a fine evening.

His works are well known and go back a good 50 years to a time when he was young, vigorous, intellectually challenging, and one of the truly great minds of trout fishing. He published *Matching the Hatch* in 1955, *Nymphs* in 1973, and followed this with a series of other works including *Trout* (1978), *A River for Christmas*, *Death of a Riverkeeper*, and *Remembrances of Rivers Past*. I won't try for an exhaustive list, but we all looked forward to his articles in fly fishing magazines and the collections of stories, for Ernie personified the growth of American trout fishing to many of us.

My knowledge of his background remains a bit sketchy. I know he was educated at Ohio State initially, then continued his studies in architecture at Princeton where he earned doctorates in both architecture and planning and in the philosophy and history of architecture, traveled with Charles of the Ritz and the King of Norway to fish when there was still real fishing to be had, went often to Argentina, Chile of course, and all the other major locations where trout fishing could be practiced at the highest level. You get more infor-

mation about his personal life as a young man in Europe with his father when you read *A River for Christmas*, or his *The Travelling Angler*. It was a good life!

Last year my friend Dave Prescott and I were going to accompany Ernie to Argentina and I remember him saying he'd been there 35 times already, but was just as excited to go again as I was on what I hoped would be my second trip. Unfortunately, that was just when he became more seriously ill, and we didn't go through with the plans for the trip.

Many of us have heard him speak and show his remarkable slides, and we'll remember those occasions as times when we were truly in the presence of one of the great names of trout fishing. He was generous with his time presenting lectures to trout chapters and sharing his vast knowledge of the sport, and was a true and serious advocate of conservation issues as well. He was one of the founding fathers of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers (TGF) in Manhattan, which continues his legacy of conservation activism. He also had the distinction of having the local Trout Unlimited Chapter in the Princeton area named after him.

Bert Darrow, a colleague on the TGF Board, reports that Ernie's knowledge and curiosity was so great that he easily recognized a pair of Manolo Blahnik shoes that Bert's colleague, a fishing guide and former model, was wearing. Ernie's wry comment was that she was probably the only licensed fishing guide in the U.S. wearing Blahniks. He had a great curiosity and thirst for knowledge, it's clear, and it wasn't limited to trout fishing, either.

Ernie long believed or at least teased me claiming I must have worked for "The Company," given where I've lived and travelled — which was unfortunately not the case. But we shared a common wonder in traveling the world and fishing, and were two people who could talk truthfully about trout fishing in Afghanistan. I'd have liked more time to talk to him about his adventures there but didn't get that chance.

I already miss Ernie, and always will.

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New Photography Curator
At University Art Museum

The Princeton University Art Museum has announced that Joel Smith, former curator at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, has been appointed to the position of curator of photography.

Mr. Smith, whose dissertation, "New York Modernism and the Cityscapes of Alfred Steigitz, 1927-1937," earned a Ph.D. from the Department of Art and Archaeology in 2001, succeeds his former teacher and advisor Peter C. Bunnell, faculty curator of photography emeritus and the David Hunter McAlpin Professor of the History of Photography. His work has been spotlighted in teaching, and Modern Art emeritus, lecturing, and the presentation of his former student's extensive curatorial experience is reflected in the exhibition.

from his resident fellowship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to his curatorial position at Vassar. Having been his teacher and advisor makes this appointment all the more personal for me, and deeply satisfying."

Joel Smith is author of the recently published *Steinberg of The New Yorker* (Abrams, 2005). The book will be followed by a national touring exhibition with a scholarly catalogue. Mr. Smith has also written a book on the photographer Edward Steichen and numerous magazine articles, exhibition publications, and book reviews.

Mr. Smith's focus on the history of photography has the History of Photography been spotlighted in teaching, and Modern Art emeritus, lecturing, and the presentation of his former student's extensive curatorial experience is reflected in the exhibition.

tions he has organized, including "Second Sight: Originality, Duplicity, and the Object;" "Histories of Photography;" "Emmet Gowin: Aerial Landscapes;" "Andreas Feltinger;" and "Making Light: Wit and Humor in Photography." In 2002 he supplemented "Camerawomen," a traveling exhibition organized by the Princeton University Art Museum, with works from the Vassar collection.

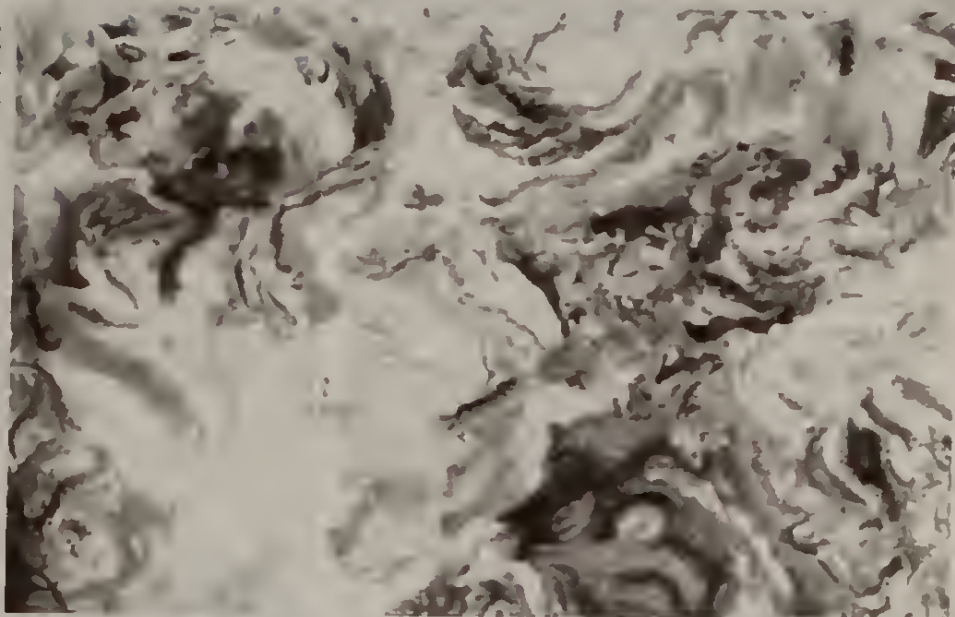
As a former student of Professor Bunnell, he noted that "a whole generation of us in the field first really encountered photography — its unique rewards, its enduring questions, its role in creating modernity, its digital reinvention — through Peter Bunnell's teaching, and through the collection he built. It is truly an honor to be invited to Princeton, and to have the opportunity to guide that legacy into the future."

In announcing the appointment, Museum Director Susan M. Taylor said that the new curator's "impressive range of talents and experiences, his training with Peter Bunnell, and his knowledge of the collections make him an ideal candidate to advance the museum's longstanding commitment to photography."

Gallery at Chapin Hosts
"Passion and Imagination"

The work of North Brunswick artist, Bill Kastan, will be featured at the Gallery at Chapin from January 4 to February 2, with a public opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, January 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Kastan's show, "Passion and Imagination," will feature abstracts and landscapes as well as "impasto" technique paintings where paint is applied thickly and allowed to build up in layers to create rough spots on the surface of the canvas. The



OCEAN BOTTOM: This 18 x 24 acrylic is among the paintings in "Passion and Imagination," an exhibit of the work of Bill Kastan opening January 4 at the Gallery at Chapin. An opening reception for the artist will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.



PUAM'S NEW CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Joel Smith is succeeding his former teacher and dissertation advisor Peter C. Bunnell as curator of photography at the Princeton University Art Museum.

layered paint produces high-light areas that increase the brightness and texture of the image.

Brooklyn-born and raised, and a Korean War veteran, Mr. Kastan has twice won the Middlesex Senior Art Competition in Acrylic Painting and has had numerous exhibits in area galleries, libraries, senior centers, and corporate headquarters. He describes his work as "color indulgent": "My paintings feature a great deal of very unusual color combinations. The hues create imaginary shapes that resemble mountains, trees, rivers and other objects. My philosophy of painting was best described by Jackson Pollock when he said, 'Painting is the state of being and every good artist paints what he is.'"

In addition to the opening, "Passion and Imagination" can be viewed during school hours by calling (609) 924-7206. Chapin is located at 4101 Princeton Pike.

Children's Book Artist
At Johnson & Johnson

Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick is currently presenting an exhibition featuring Richard Egielski's paintings from his new children's book, *Saint Francis and the Wolf*. The works will be on display through January 19, 2006.

Published by Harper Collins, *Saint Francis and the Wolf* shows the same whimsical style as Mr. Egielski's previous books, *Slim and Jim* and *The Ginger Bread Boy*. He describes it as "a picture book of love and hope, a serious story done with a gothic sense of play."

Mr. Egielski, who studied the art of picture books at Parson's School of Design, has illustrated more than 40 children's books and has written and illustrated six. The American Library Association awarded him the Caldecott Award in 1987 for his illustrations in Arthur Yorinks's

book, *Hey Al*. His books *Buz and Jozper*, which he both wrote and illustrated, have been named New York Times Best Illustrated Books for Children.

The Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery is located at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza in New Brunswick. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information about fine art exhibitions at the gallery, call (732) 524-6957.

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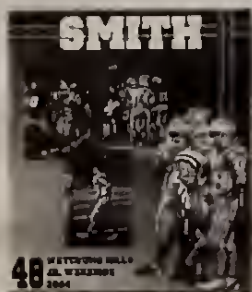
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Small World Presents Work by Ben-Reuven

Comic strip artist and children's book illustrator Nim Ben-Reuven will be showing his paintings at Small World Coffee in Princeton from January 4 through February 7.

A Princeton resident, Mr. Ben-Reuven attended Princeton High School and then Rutgers, graduating in 2001 with a BA in sociology. It was at Rutgers that he began two daily comic strips, "Number 5" and "Chemical Corporation Baby Funnies," both of which have been running in the Rutgers Daily Targum for almost eight years. He is also known for his popular duct tape wallets (for sale at Small World) that feature several of his comic strip characters.

Recently Mr. Ben-Reuven shifted his focus to children's book illustration by integrating his comic strip characters into a lush world of bright colors and bizarre backgrounds. He is currently collaborating with Emily Raboteau, author of *The Professor's Daughter*, on a children's book entitled *The Bird Who Swallowed the Moon*.

Most of the pieces in the show depict the artist's strange animal characters drawn in black and white with pen and ink on a background of dreamlike landscapes done in acrylic paints.

Several pieces by New Yorker cartoonist and Princeton resident Rich Feldman will also be on view. Mr. Feldman's one-panel cartoons have been published in several magazines as well as on a line of greeting cards.

An opening will be held on Saturday, January 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street in Princeton.

Mason Gross Galleries Host Feminist Art Show

A major exhibition of American feminist art, "How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975," will be on view through Friday, January 27, 2006, at the Mason Gross Galleries of Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts at Civic Square, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. The galleries are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.



NEW GUESTS IN THE CITY: This acrylic and pen and ink on canvas by comic strip artist Nim Ben-Reuven will be on display at Small World Coffee from January 4 through February 7. An opening will be held on Saturday, January 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The exhibition, cosponsored by the Rutgers University Libraries, will focus on work created by American women artists in the crucial five-year span between 1970 and 1975. "The women's art movement of the 1970s introduced bold new concepts into art practice that have become embedded in contemporary art today," according to Judith K. Brodsky, professor emerita of visual arts, and co-curator of the exhibition. "These practices have become so widely accepted today that we tend to forget they were introduced through the feminist art movement. The purpose of this exhibition is to demonstrate and reinforce that connection."

Ms. Brodsky says feminist artists introduced new ways of looking at the body, incorporated into high art the decorative materials often associated with women, and reintroduced the drama of narrative into art after a long period of dominance by abstraction.

The exhibition features major, large-scale paintings by Judy Chicago, Joan Semmel, Sylvia Sleigh, Joan Snyder, Miriam Schapiro and Joyce Kozloff, and sculptures by Nancy Azara and Lynda Benglis. DVD film documentation of ground-breaking performances from the early 1970s by Carolee Schneemann, Eleanor Antin, Martha Wilson, and Rachel Rosenthal - some of which have not been shown since they were created - will be featured in the installation. Also featured are the paintings and sculptures of Harmony Hammond, work concerning

Judy Baca's "Great Wall of Los Angeles," Faith Ringgold's soft sculptures and tanks, and photographs by Mary Beth Edelson. Betty Saar's timely "Victory of Gentleness (Rosa Parks)," Nancy Spero's "Codex Artaud," Athena Tacha's early earthworks documentation, and the monumental tapestries of June Wayne are signal components of the show.

Ferris Olin, art historian, librarian and head of the Margery Somers Foster Center at Rutgers' Mabel Smith Douglass Library, is co-curator of the exhibition. "We have worked to bring together signature works from the early 1970s by each artist," Olin says. "In the case of painters, for example, we'll have such influential works as Joan Semmel's paintings of the female body made from the perspective of the woman herself."

"How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975" is the inaugural

exhibition in a nationwide series, "Indelible Marks: Framing Art and Feminism." The series of exhibitions and events, continuing through 2008, will celebrate the significant stature and increased visibility of art by women in America.

In addition to Ms. Brodsky and Ms. Olin, the "Indelible Marks" coordinating committee members are artist Judy Chicago; art historian Arlene Raven; Susan Fisher Sterling, director of the National Museum of Women in the Arts; Maura Reilly, curator of the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum; Dena Muller, Director of A.I.R. Gallery. The committee has established Rutgers as the institutional host of the national celebration. The Rutgers name will be associated with each event and exhibition in the series, many of which will take place at Rutgers venues in New Brunswick, Piscataway, Camden and Newark.

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EDITH'S WASH: This work by Judith Calver Malott is among those on display in her exhibit, "Places," at the Pennswood Village Art Gallery in Newtown, Pa. The exhibit will run through Sunday, January 29, 2006.

Pennswood Art Gallery Presents Work by Malott

The Pennswood Village Art Gallery in Newtown, Pa., is currently presenting "Places," an exhibit of charcoal and pastel works by Judith Calver Malott. The exhibit will run through Sunday, January 29, 2006.

A graduate of Antioch College, Ms. Malott studied with portrait and landscape painter Peter Granucci. "I paint places that intrigue me because they tell me how we live, and especially how we relate to the earth," the artist explained. "A laundry line between two trees is more interesting to me than a metal stand."

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TALL STORY: This work is among the soft sculptures and tankas by Faith Ringgold on display in a major exhibition of American feminist art, "How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975," which will be on view through Friday, January 27, 2006, at the Mason Gross Galleries at Civic Square in New Brunswick. The galleries are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

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The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPO-RARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is featuring "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss. The exhibit is on display in the Reading Room. The annual "Sauce for the Goose" holiday sale will be on through December 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicente-

nary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and His Illustrators," on view through March 26, 2006. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street across from the Trenton Marriott Hotel is presenting "My America," a juried exhibition of more than 50 artists whose works reflect on the theme of what America means to them. The exhibit, which runs through February 3, 2006, is a prelude to Patriot's Week, December 26 - 31, the annual festival of history, art, and culture celebrating Trenton's role in the American Revolution. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Gallery at the Jewish Center will be showing paintings by Philadelphia painter Alla Podolsky through January 8, 2006. All paintings in the exhibit are for sale, with 20 percent of the purchase going to the Jewish Center as a donation. The Center is located at 435 Nassau Street, and gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-0100.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is exhibiting, "The Human Face," photographs by artists Helen Stummer, Diane Levell, and the late Lou Draper. The exhibit will be on display through December 21. Gallery hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. For further information, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3588.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Delties," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. **Toad Hall Shop and Gallery**, at Grounds, is currently exhibiting "Vessels," a show featuring metal sculptures by Rory Mahon and Catherine Perry, through December 31. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum's feature exhibition, "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin," will be on view through March 12, 2006, in the Vorhees Special Exhibition Galleries. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, on the College Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends. The

museum is open free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

The Mason Gross Galleries at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts, Civic Square, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick is presenting a major exhibition of American feminist art, "How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975." The show will run through Friday, January 27, 2006. The galleries are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

Morpeth Gallery is exhibiting the work of Natalie Ferracell in conjunction with a group exhibition of Morpeth Gallery artists during the month of December. The gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The New Jersey State Museum is holding the exhibit, "Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies" through December 31. This hands-on exhibition offers an array of authentic dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe. The gallery is located at 225 West State Street, Trenton, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 394-9535.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery at 6 Lilly Street in Lambertville is presenting an exhibit of watercolors, prints, scarves, t-shirts, and painted lamp shades by opera singer Deborah Maher. The exhibit will run through January 16, 2006.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman through February 26, 2006. In addition to the primary exhibit, "The Legacy of Homer," which will run through January 15. Open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., the museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Princeton University, Mudd Library, is currently seen in the afternoon hours, exhibiting, "1945: A World United and Divided," which highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II. The exhibit, which runs through January 31, 2006, includes documents, letters, diaries, and photographs drawn from Mudd

Library's and Princeton University's archives. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is also open Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Mudd Library is located at 65 Olden St., on Princeton University's campus. For more information, call (609) 258-6345.

The Trenton City Museum, in collaboration with McCarter Theatre, is currently exhibiting, "Preserving Our Past: An Inspiring Exhibit Honoring Those Who Chronicle Our Heritage," on display through January 22, 2006. The exhibit, which is tied to McCarter's production of *Gem of the Ocean*, features the Arts Council of Princeton's quilt, a photographic tribute to the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood. Also on display from now through January 8, 2006: "Rock, Paper: The Extraordinary Work of Petro Hul and Sarah Stengle." Located in the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton, the museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Billie Holiday Papers: A Nabokovian Situation

According to the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, "Nabokovian" pertains to and is "characteristic of, or resembling the literary style of Vladimir Nabokov: a sly, Nabokovian sense of the absurd." But what does that sense of the absurd specifically entail? Something slyly appropriate in someone's name, for a start. A mass murderer named Starkweather is an obvious example. The name of the patrolman witness who saw Teddy Kennedy driving toward the bridge at Chappaquiddick (a Nabokovian word if there ever was one with its double "p" and "d") was Look. "Nabokovian" can also refer to the diabolical consequences the change of a single word can have, particularly when it makes a sentence mean the opposite of what was intended, and even more particularly when it occurs in a review of a book by Nabokov himself, as happened in last week's Town Topics when a colleague's well-intentioned change in wording in my review of *Lolita* turned "ever" to "never," thus reversing the meaning of a sentence that was supposed to suggest that few of the thousands who bought *Lolita* when it was on the best-seller list ever actually read the book. The creator of Humbert Humbert would also have appreciated the fact that Humbert Street was incorrectly listed as Humbert Lane in the same issue of Town Topics.

The Nabokov syndrome is equally relevant to the book I'm reviewing this week, *With Billie Holiday* (Pantheon \$25) by Julia Blackburn. Readers of Nabokov's other masterpiece *Pale Fire* know the wonders he worked when a long poem of the same name by one John Shade (another Nabokovian touch) is extensively and fantastically annotated by a character named Charles Kinbote.

The "Shade" in this new book about Billie Holiday is a woman named Linda Kuehl (if it's pronounced "kill" or even "cull" you have yet another example of that "sly sense of the absurd" at work). The "Kinbote" is Julia Blackburn, although she does nothing comparably fantastic with the 30-year-old

shambles of a work-in-progress left behind by the pretty, "flirtatious" white woman who devoted so much of her time in the early 1970s to searching out and interviewing everyone she could find who had known Billie Holiday. Linda Kuehl tape-recorded more than 150 interviews, filling two shoeboxes with the cassettes, from which she then laboriously typed transcripts. Once she had all the material she needed, she was unable to put the pieces together into a readable manuscript and so her first publisher gave up on it. One reason the taped findings about Billie Holiday were so rich was because the men being interviewed by the dark-haired beauty not only liked her, opened up to her, and flirted with her but, in more than one instance, apparently fell in love and/or had affairs with her. Still "struggling to find the right form" for her biography, she jumped to her death from a hotel room window in Washington, D.C. in 1979. A suicide note is mentioned but never quoted. The Billie Holiday papers were eventually sold to a private collector, who eventually gave Julia Blackburn access to them.

The story takes on an even more Nabokovian cast because one of the most notorious songs in Billie Holiday's repertoire was "Gloomy Sunday," which is said to have caused people to attempt or commit suicide after hearing it.

Although it provides all kinds of fascinating, earthy, profane insights into the singer, *With Billie Holiday* isn't much more than a case study patched together from the papers Kuehl left behind. "If I had been a different

sort of person," Blackburn admits, "I might have tried to establish order in this chaos, but order has never been one of my strong points." Maybe that's why she resorts to padding the narrative, as with the chapter on Lester Young, which is nothing more than a culling of preexisting information.

Even so, open-ended works like this have an immediacy that serious or ploddingly scholarly studies often lack. As Toni Morrison's cover blurb suggests, the book "vividly"

captures the "context" of Billie Holiday's life and work. Probably the most touching and one of the most colorful accounts comes from a rare instance where the speaker is quoted at length; in fact Blackburn (who would have morphed into "Blackbird" by now, if Nabokov had his way) wisely lets James "Stump" Cross talk for a whole chapter without commentary (except to you, as she did me. I know people who still note that he and Linda find her hard to listen to. Her timing is off, Kuehl had "obviously they say. Or they think she sounds too stylized or too dreary. One problem may be the describing how quickly association with "Gloomy Sunday." It's possible I had that in mind when I passed her song: "She'd look at a off as sounding depressed, murky, excessive. music sheet. Put it When I finally heard her it was at four in the

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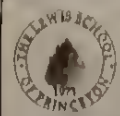
and every day that broke at dawn."

The First Time

Anyone who can still remember a first encounter with the singer will be there with Julia Blackburn when she describes what happened when she "first heard Billie Holiday's voice" at age 14 at a wild party during which a naked prostitute was dancing around (an environment not unlike the one Billie grew up and lived in); the album she escaped into a corner to listen to was *A Billie Holiday Memorial*, and "I Cried for You" was the first song: "She didn't seem to care about the beat She kept pulling at it and stretching it until I thought she had lost it entirely"; her voice was "as clear and strong as a trumpet"; and "she sounded so close and familiar ... as if she was looking straight at me." And then: "She sounded as brave as a lioness and ... as fearful as a child."

In a review two weeks ago I mentioned the first time I "got" Billie Holiday after years of wondering what people saw in her. She can either seduce you right off as she did Julia Blackburn or she can repel commentary (except to you, as she did me. I know people who still note that he and Linda find her hard to listen to. Her timing is off, Kuehl had "obviously they say. Or they think she sounds too stylized or too dreary. One problem may be the describing how quickly association with "Gloomy Sunday." It's possible I had that in mind when I passed her song: "She'd look at a off as sounding depressed, murky, excessive. music sheet. Put it When I finally heard her it was at four in the down. Walk away. Have morning in New York with a misty rain falling and the window open, her voice coming and sing the whole thing! Between the lyric to me from a small blue transistor radio on and the drink, I don't know what happened the windowsill, "close and familiar," yes, There must have been a Lyric Angel who except it was not as though she were looking down from the clouds." About Lady ing at me but singing inside my head, all the Day and tenor man Lester Young, whose excesses and the bending and stretching of playing complements the spirit of her sing-time no more to be questioned or resisted ing so sympathetically he seems to be, as Nabokov had nothing to do with it. Finally I had discovered what all the "heartbeat" — "Lester Young loved Lady excitement was about. like he loved spring, summer, winter and fall

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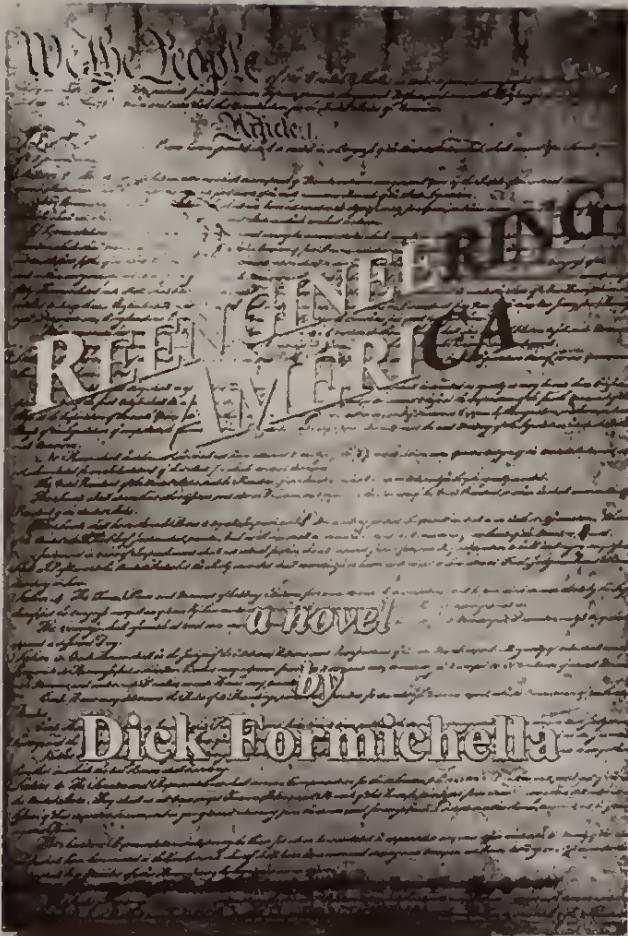
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Mr. Formichella is an adjunct professor at Drexel University, where he teaches courses on Strategic Technology Planning.

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Library Hosting Films Based on Marquez Stories

The Princeton Public Library's December 22 installment of the Films with a Bite series will present a triple feature of films based on the short stories of Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

"Saturday Night Thief," "Two-Way Mirror" and "Far Apart" will be screened beginning at noon in the first floor Community Room. Library customers are invited to bring a lunch or purchase lunch in the Open Book Café adjacent to the Community Room.

In *Saturday Night Thief* a burglar named Hugo who comes to rob the house of a woman whose husband is conveniently away on business makes himself at home for the weekend. Linked by a

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When Susana, the heroine of *Two-Way Mirror*, has a massive antique mirror hung on her bedroom wall shortly before her 1990 wedding, she discovers a 19th century soldier living in the room's reflection. What are her family and fiancé to think when, having fallen deeply in love with him, Susana steps through the glass to enter his bygone world?

A plan by two young lovers to elope on April 11, 1956, is derailed by destiny and a trivial mistake in the program's third feature, *Far Apart*. When a letter arrives 35 years after it was mailed, Ofelia Rosales de Mendoza begins making inquiries into the whereabouts of her lost paramour, José Luna. The conflicting stories she hears from the people who knew them as teenagers only increase her confusion, until the man himself walks into the café where they were to rendezvous many years ago.

Each of the films is under 30 minutes and all will be screened in Spanish with English subtitles.

The December program will be the third in the Films with a Bite series and the first to feature works of fiction. The series will shift back to documentaries on January 25, when the Peabody Award-winning "Riding the Rails," which tells the stories of 10 Depression-era teen hobos, will be screened at noon.

For more information about Films With a Bite, contact

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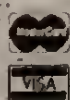
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RECORD REVIEW

Rackett: Standing Room Only in a 3-Car Garage

Note: I should admit upfront that this is actually a sneak preview in the guise of a review of the first Rackett CD, which may be called *Standing Room Only* when it's released, possibly in time to coincide with a Jote March concert at Richardson.

If you were watching and listening to Rackett at the Berlind Theatre last Friday, and if you could hear what was happening (enlightened lyrics with nasty guitar licks) in spite of the problematic acoustics, you were witness to one more death blow to the caste system of culture. The joy of Rackett is that these two almost laughably opposite entities — literary academia and the 3-car garage band — can not only coexist but can do so uninhibitedly, shamelessly. Or are people so locked into their various castes that their jaws drop when a poet of serious stature shows up on a bandstand with an electric guitar around his neck? Or when a Renaissance scholar of some repute is playing and singing and bouncing around the stage like an enchanted Muppet while a grad student into Henry James strokes his guitar in an ecstasy and a student of Early Music blows blues harmonica and sings up a storm?

In graduate school we read T. S. Eliot on the "sometimes violent yoking together of apparently unconnected ideas and things" characteristic of the so-called metaphysical poets, John Donne in particular. That line came to mind when I encountered prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon's lyrics for the "3-car-garage" rock band he fronts with his colleague at Princeton University, Nigel Smith, who knows a thing or two about the metaphysical poets.

In reference to his own poetry, Muldoon has been quoted as saying that he's interested in what happens when you take "outlandish ideas and put them together in far-fetched comparisons."

What Eliot and Muldoon are getting at has a lot in common with that massively inclusive realm called rock. In a review long, long ago I described the way rock writer Richard Meltzer liked to sling together the most far-fetched associations as if to show that his writing could be as wantonly eclectic as the music was: "If Bob Dylan can put Ezra Pound and T. S. Eliot on Desolation Row," I wrote, "Meltzer can put Teilhard de Chardin in bed with 'What's New, Pussycat?' and then mate 'Too Much Tequila' with William James." Far-fetched? You bet.

Or think of it this way: If Muldoon's poetry wasn't allowing him quite enough room to give free play to that component of outlandishness, why not really set it loose by putting

together electric guitars, keyboards, drums, and amps, words and music, for a clear shot at the heart and head of a listener who might yawn at the idea of poetry on the page?

When did rock and literature get cozy?

Oldtimers will remember thinking it some-

Carolina to Sir Walter Raleigh in a colony "near the Atlantic" to a flat in Bayswater. When he says "I am with Raleigh" he isn't just playing with the association; he really is in a poetical reality with Raleigh. You believe in the movement; you go with it.

RACKETT



(Painting by Greg Drasler)

thing of a breakthrough when George Harrison used the word "rectify" in "If I Needed Someone" on the Rubber Soul album. Wow! A serious word in a Beatles lyric!

Next thing you know John Lennon's citing Edgar Allan Poe and sticking a Kling Lear fade-out on "I am the Walrus."

Next next thing you know the chairman of the graduate English department at Rutgers, Richard Poirier, is writing about the Beatles in *Partisan Review*, thereby attracting a group of first year graduate students more conversant with the White Album, which the Beatles had just released, than English lit.

Paul Muldoon has also been quoted to the effect that rock lyrics should not stand alone. I don't think he means that they should need the music. They should demand it. It's there in the lift of the rhythm and the rhyming. It's irresistible. On the other hand, a poem like Muldoon's "Promises, Promises," with its subtle, elusive rhymes and rhythms, clearly stands alone. Definitely not 3-car garage material. In it he moves from a field in North

In the songs you go with the music and the flagrantly allusive words are simply fun. Here are some samples of the way it works, all first lines, because Muldoon has a knack for launching his lyrics:

That evening in Gethesame
The sky as near as near
When I took out the lieutenant
I sliced off his right ear

Or:
The monk despairs of his maker
Sheetrock the two-by-four

Or:
You may buckle your sword and sandals
To fight off the Goths and Vandals

Or:
The regime was now unstable
The rebels had reached the sea

Or:
I was staying at the Marriott
With Jesus and John Wayne
I was waiting for a chariot
They were waiting for a train

The Rackett song called "Pencil" manages an exhilarating mix of extremes, using the basic essence of a rock lyric (the girl) to anchor allusions that in a lesser song might appear fatally pretentious, such as the opening mouthful:

It took ages for the neoliths
To find the charcoal stick
Wherewith to sketch a bear.
The Sumerians took another age
To get to the next stage
And fileshare, right, fileshare
And as you're wondering where can this
be taking you, you get to the chorus:
But the girl with the pencil
the pencil in her hair
It was a #2 soft
She just called to cancel
She just wrote me off.

After that nifty little jolt of rock and roll reality Elvis Costello himself would admire you're ready to go on to the Egyptians and their "Encryptions" and those old Irish monks and the Chinese confrères etching "Exultet Coelum" on a "stinking piece of vellum." Oops! Just when you're falling through centuries, back you go to the girl with the pencil in her hair. From that point on, it's as if she's told the singer, "Enough already," and the lyrics drop down to earth ("When I asked her for a date/she said she'd pencil me in"). Muldoon's lyric outlines a trajectory similar to the one he followed in "Promises, Promises," taking you back in time and making an issue of it ("I spent ages with Job and Jonah/Before ditching my Smith Corona), and you and the singer end up "written off" in the equivalent of a Bayswater flat.

If you were watching and listening to Rackett at the Berlind Theatre last Friday, you saw how nicely "Pencil" rocks through those changes. Along with Muldoon and Smith, the other musicians are singer and lead guitarist Paul Grimstad (the Henry James student), singer/guitarist/blues harpist Lee Escandon (Early Music), Jim Linnehan (a third-generation drummer) and on keyboards, Stephen Allen (the lawyer).

Now to close out with a hometown stanza from Rackett's Princeton song, "Rap for You": I tracked you to the Princeton Record Exchange/ And the minute I came into range/ You shot Ray down between rock and blues/ He had nowhere to look but at his shoes/ I tracked you to the Princeton Record Exchange.

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PEANUTS PLAYERS: When "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" begins its two-weekend run at the Kelsey Theatre on January 6, the cast will include, from left, John Buccanuso as Linus, Kyrus Westcott as Schroeder, Michael Schiumo as Snoopy, John Zimmerman (seated) as Charlie Brown, Stephanie Delaney as Lucy, and Michaela Alyse Tomcho as Sally. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students, and may be ordered by calling (609) 584-9444.

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The show will be produced and directed by John Maurer.

Having debuted in 1967, the popular musical underwent a major Broadway revival in 1999 by composer/lyricist Andrew Lipa and director Michael Mayer. With the blessing of the comic strip creator Charles Schulz, 17 original scenes were deleted and 21 new ones added, and seven of the original 14 songs were revised.

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QUICK STEPS: The Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who satirize the serious and not-so-serious issues on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and around the world, will appear at the Trenton Marriott on Wednesday, December 28 at 8 p.m. Self-described as "the only group in America that attempts to be funnier than Congress," the ensemble has recorded more than two dozen albums and performed for the last five U.S. Presidents. The Marriott show is part of a series of late-December events comprising Patriots' Week, co-sponsored by the Trenton Downtown Association and the Old Barracks Museum. It promises bi-partisan entertainment with selections from the group's latest album, "Four More Years in the Bush Leagues," featuring such routines as "The Sunni Side of Tikrit" and "I've Taken Stands on Both Sides Now." Admission will be \$25; tickets may be purchased by calling (877) PAT-WEEK or by visiting www.patriotsweek.com.

Arts Council Presents Christmas Eve Caroling

The Arts Council of Princeton, in cooperation with Palmer Square Management and the Nassau Inn, invites carolers of all ages to attend its annual Christmas Eve Caroling on Saturday, December 24. Santa Claus will be stopping by as well.

All are invited to gather on the Green at Palmer Square, at 5:15 p.m. The caroling will begin with the Blawenburg Brass Band leading the festi-

ties. Carolers are encouraged to bring candles, lanterns, flashlights, and bells. Song books will be provided.

Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and by the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust. Caroling song books will be provided courtesy of this year's Gold Sponsor Princeton Shopping

Center, as well as the following businesses: Holsome Herbs and Teas, J. McLaughlin, Camillo's Café, Great Clips, the UPS Store, American Repertoire Ballet, and Matteo & Co.

This event is free. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or log on at www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

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Blast!, the celebration of music and dance that won the 2001 Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event and the 2001 Emmy Award for Best Choreography, will perform two shows at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Wednesday, January 18 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, January 19 at 8 p.m. The show recently completed successful tours of London and North America.

Born on athletic fields across the nation, **Blast!** is a novel art form that evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. The company evolved from the drum corps Star of Indiana, founded in 1984 in Bloomington, Ind. by businessman Bill Cook. In its initial year, Star of Indiana became the first corps ever to place among the top 10 at the Drum Corps International World Championships. Star of Indiana improved each year until it became the world champion in 1991. Competing against other organizations from the U.S., Japan, Canada, and Europe, Star's performances revolutionized the world of drum corps, bringing an ever more sophisticated sense of musicianship, showmanship, and choreography to the genre.

The **Blast!** company now consists of 37 members,

drawn from the world of outdoor pageantry all across North America. More than 40 world titles are held by the cast members who comprise three performing sections — brass, percussion, and visual ensembles. The brass instruments are pitched in the standard multi-keys. The percussion section includes drums, mallet instruments, and electronic keyboards. The visual element enhances the show by spinning and tossing unusual implements along with the traditional sabers and colorful flags in synchronized, ballet-like drills.

The physical and musical demands of the production require that the performers be highly trained athletes as well as world-class musicians. Months of training prepares the cast for performances involving athleticism, musical talent, kaleidoscopic movement, and showmanship.

Tickets range from \$30 to \$55, with group, college student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469.

Gospel Star CeCe Winans Coming to State Theatre

The gospel singer CeCe Winans, a six-time Grammy winner, will perform in a benefit concert at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, February 3 at 8 p.m. She will be joined by the Rev. Ste-

fanle R. Minatee and Jubilation Choir for the concert, which will help fund affordable housing projects in the ethnically diverse Renaissance Community, in areas of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, and Franklin Township.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$50, with group, college student, and senior discounts available.

The concert will be presented by the State Theatre and CDC Properties, Inc. "The State Theater is especially pleased to collaborate with CDC Properties, and with the Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, on this gospel concert," said State Theatre president Wesley O. Brustad. "The amazing voices of CeCe Winans and the Jubilation Choir will make this a night to remember for an important cause — affordable housing for our community's middle and lower income families."

Ms. Winans has crossed stylistic, social, and age barriers with her inspirational delivery. Her personality and faith have earned her millions of loyal fans around the world. Born in Detroit, she was the eighth of ten children in one of gospel music's most renowned musical families. She performed often with her brother, BeBe, in a duo called the PTL Singers, until the pair began performing as "BeBe and CeCe Winans" in 1987, becoming one of the most commercially successful gospel attractions in history.

Her first solo album, *Alone In His Presence*, earned a Grammy for Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album in 1995. Her next solo recording, 1998's *Everlasting Love*, became the nation's top gospel album, a feat repeated with 1999's *Aloboster Box* and 2004's *Throne Room*, both gold albums. Her State Theatre appearance will feature selections from her most recent album, *Purified*.

The Rev. Stefanle Minatee and Jubilation were recently featured on the Billboard Chart-topping gospel hit *Roy Charles Celebrates a Gospel Christmas with the Voices of Jubilation*. While most of the members of Jubilation are volunteers, the choir also contains some professional sing-



DECKING THE HALLS WITH MUSIC: Members of the Princeton Theological Seminary Touring Choir filled the halls at Princeton Care Center recently, performing their repertoire of holiday music for residents in their rooms. The visit, featuring 15 choir members, was supervised by student manager Julie Lillis. Formerly the Princeton Nursing Home on Quarry Street, the Princeton Care Center now occupies a two-year-old 65,000 square foot facility on Bunn Drive. It welcomes musical groups and other performers during the holidays and throughout the year.

ers committed to the ministry through song and praise. Jubilation was established in 1998 under the auspices of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. It is a culturally mixed aggregation of auditioned voices from around the state that sings African-American sacred music with an emphasis on gospel music. The chorus traveled to Sapporo and Tokyo, Japan, in 2004, and performed at both Lionel Hampton's funeral and the U.S. Tennis Open.

For tickets or a brochure, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

Opera Theater Company Sets Its Berlind Line-up

New Jersey Opera Theater has announced that it will return to McCarter's Berlind Theatre next summer for another season of fully staged operas with orchestra. The summer 2006 season will include four "dramatic comedies of love" — Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and a double bill of Puccini's masterpiece, *Gianni Schicchi*, and Michael Ching's *Buoso's Ghost*. The Ching opera will be given its New Jersey premiere.

"*Così fan tutte* will continue and complete our series of the Mozart/da Ponte trilogy that we began in 2004, and celebrates the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth with what is widely considered a perfect opera," said NJOT Artistic Director Scott Altman. "The beloved *L'Elisir d'Amore* incorporates marvelous buffo scenarios with true love pathos and well-known arias," he added.

Buoso's Ghost was written in 1996 by Mr. Ching as a sequel to *Gianni Schicchi*, and incorporates Puccini's melodies throughout the score, Mr. Altman explained.

The summer season of 2006 will mark the official launch of the name SummerFest to reflect the festival atmosphere of NJOT's offerings. Through SummerFest, New Jersey Opera Theater will continue to present varied programs such as the free Musical Theater concerts, a series of SummerFest Arias and Ensembles concerts on the Berlind stage, and a line-up of masterclass presenters.

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Jersey Opera Theater was established and incorporated in November 2002 as a non-profit arts organization. The company's programs and activities strive to combine

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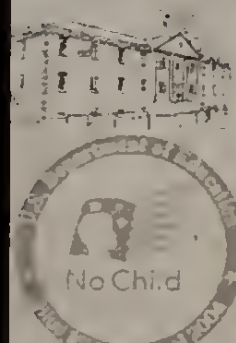
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CINEMA REVIEW

King Kong

Lackluster, Labored Remake Little More Than Three Hour Endurance Test

Maybe it was a bad idea to give Peter Jackson all those Oscars for *Lord of the Rings*, because he has produced another special effects driven spectacular which features computer-generated effects at the expense of plot, dialogue, motivation, and character development. Although this faithful remake of *King Kong* easily overshadows the original in terms of technical wizardry, it still suffers from the same limitations of the original storyline.

This version features Oscar-nominee Naomi Watts (21 Grams) in Fay Wray's role as aspiring actress Ann Darrow. Watts has previously played similar roles before, most notably in *Mulholland Drive* and *Ellie Parker*.

Oscar-winner Adrien Brody (*The Pianist*) co-stars as scriptwriter Jack Driscoll, Ann's love interest, while Jack Black provides comic relief as the maniacal moviemaker Carl Denham. You need plenty of sacrificial lambs in any horror film, so rounding out the cast are Kyle Chandler as the self-assured actor Bruce Baxter, Thomas Kretschmann as Captain Englehorn, Evan Parke as first mate Hayes, Jamie "Billy Elliot" Bell as cabin boy Jimmy, Lobo Chan as Choy, and Andy Serkis doing double-duty both as Lumpy the Cook and as Kong himself.

Set during the great depression, the adventure unfolds in bustling New York City with a distinct Art Deco décor. After the opening, we find Ann dancing in a vaudeville chorus line, unaware that she is about to lose her job.

When the theater unexpectedly closes, she is left with no legitimate means of support and considers working as a stripper in a burlesque show. Ann is saved by Carl, who gets her to sign on as the leading lady in his action movie that is about to be shot in the Far East. Similarly, the filmmaker tricks Jack into boarding the ominously christened *S.S. Venture*. In fact, even the steamship's crew is unaware of Carl's true intent to search for the ruins of a

primitive civilization said to be located on an uncharted island somewhere in the South Seas.

Director Jackson takes his time in having the ship sail to Skull Island. So expect to be checking your watch during the interminable build-up. If you enjoy homages to other movies, you'll like the allusions to *Titanic*, *Tarzan*, *E.T.*, *Moby Dick*, *The Seven Year Itch*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Jazz Singer*, *Heart of Darkness*, *The African Queen*, *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Passion of the Christ*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *King Kong* versus *Godzilla*, to name a few.

For instance, when a Nestle's chocolate bar is extended as a conversational ice breaker, it is reminiscent of how Henry lured E.T. home with a trail of Reese's Pieces. It's bad enough that an ad placement would arrive at a very dramatic moment, but it's even worse when the scene itself is an unimaginative rip-off. A blockbuster film ought to have more going for it than clever references to other pictures.

The film overuses the blue screen artifice, which results in takes of wide-eyed actors obviously playing against invisible creatures and/or sets that were added to the film later.

The original *King Kong* was shot during less enlightened

times, so one might reasonably expect the current characterization of the aborigines on Skull Island to reflect the tolerance called for in today's era of diversity and multi-culturalism. However, the natives are played in blackface by actors of every ethnicity and are presented as wild savages more challenging to tame than Kong.

Overall, this lackluster cure for insomnia might have been more palatable had it been pared down to approximately ninety minutes thereby losing its many distracting digressions. By the time the monkey business you're waiting for finally arrives, it's anti-climactic. So don't be surprised to find yourself impatient for the famous Empire State Building finale that's still over an hour away.

Fair (★). PG-13 for frightening images and disturbing violence. Running time: 187 minutes. Distributor: Universal Pictures.

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AT THE CINEMA

Aeon Flux (PG-13 for sexuality and violence). Charlize Theron handles the title role in the live-action adaptation of the short-lived, MTV animated series, set in the 25th Century, about an acrobatic assassin out to topple the totalitarian regime oppressing the remnants of a civilization already crumbling from a rampaging virus. With Frances McDormand, Sophie Okonedo, and Marton Csokas.

Capote (R for violence and profanity). Philip Seymour Hoffman handles the title role of this bio-pic about the period in author Truman Capote's life when he was researching the events surrounding the 1959 murders in Kansas which were the subject of his award-winning best seller *In Cold Blood*. Co-starring Catherine Keener as Harper Lee.

Casanova (R for sexuality). Heath Ledger stars as the legendary, 18th Century womanizer in this romance drama about a cad concerned only about his next conquest until he meets his match in a feminist (Sienna Miller) from Venice.

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt reprise their roles as Tom and Kate Baker, a Chicago couple with 12 children. The sequel, set during a summer vacation taken at rustic Lake Winnetka, pits the Bakers versus the Murtaughs, a competitive clan of 8 headed by Eugene Levy and Carmen Electra.

The Chronicles of Narnia (PG for battle sequences and other frightening inoments). Disney animated interpretation of the fanciful C.S. Lewis children's novel, set in the English countryside during the Second World War, follows the adventures of four siblings who happen upon a magical, parallel universe where a lion (Liam Neeson) enlists their help to break the spell of an evil witch (Tilda Swinton).

The Family Stone (PG-13 for sex and drug use). Christmas comedy about an eligible bachelor (Dermot Mulroney) who brings home his icy fiancée (Sarah Jessica Parker) to meet his parents (Diane Keaton and Craig T. Nelson) and siblings (Rachel McAdams and Luke Wilson) at the family's annual holiday gathering.

Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13 for sexual humor, profanity, and drug references). Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni assume the roles played by George Segal and Jane Fonda in this remake of the 1977 crime comedy about a successful suburban couple who turn to robbery to maintain their standard of living after losing their high-paying jobs. With Alec Baldwin and Angie Harmon.

Good Night, and Good Luck (PG for adult themes and brief profanity). George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this fifties docu-drama, shot in black & white, which revisits CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's (David Strathairn) determination to expose the overzealous efforts of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a witch hunt, despite being called a Communist by Senator Joe McCarthy. With Patricia Clarkson and Jeff Daniels.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13 for fantasy violence and frightening images). Rapidly-maturing, principal cast intact, Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) assumes the helm to direct the fourth installment in the franchise based on J.K. Rowling's series of children's novels. The now 14 year-old boy wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) with a penchant for ending up in dire predicaments finds himself back at Hogwarts where he is chosen to compete in the big tournament against students from a couple of other schools dedicated to the occult.

King Kong (PG-13 for frightening images and violence). Oscar-winner Peter Jackson (*The Lord of the Rings*) directs second remake of the 1933 classic about explorers who return from the jungles of Sumatra with an overgrown primate who proceeds to go ape over the beautiful actress (Naomi Watts) who holds the key to soothing his heastly nature. Cast includes Adrien Brody, Jack Black and Colin Hanks.

Match Point (R for sexuality). Woody Allen directs this crime drama about a social-climbing tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) at an upscale British country club who goes to great lengths to hide the fact that he has secretly seduced both a client's (Matthew Goode) sister (Emily Mortimer) and fiancée (Scarlett Johansson).

Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13 for sexual content and mature subject matter). Oscar-nominee Rob Marshall (*Chicago*) directs this adaptation of Arthur Golden's book, set in Pre WWII Japan, about the life of a girl (Ziyi Zhang) trained from the age of nine in the arts of pleasing men.

Munich (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Steven Spielberg directs this espionage docudrama, which revisits the daring exploits of the secret hit squad, led by a Mossad agent (Eric Bana), assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinian terrorists responsible for the slaughter of 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Germany. Cast includes Geoffrey Rush and Daniel Craig.

The Passenger (PG-13 for violence, nudity, and profanity). Re-release of Michelangelo Antonioni's 1975 whodunit starring Jack Nicholson as a war correspondent on assignment to cover an insurrection in North Africa who decides to assume the identity of a dead man who looked like him. With Maria Schneider as the exotic beauty who befriends him.

Pride and Prejudice (PG for mature themes). Tenth adaptation of the Jane Austen classic exploration of late 18th Century British gentility revolves around a meddling mom's (Brenda Blethyn) efforts to marry off her five daughters (Keira Knightley, Jena Malone, Talulah Riley, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan) to appropriate eligible bachelors, especially the wealthy Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). Cast includes Donald Sutherland and Dame Judi Dench.

The Producers (PG-13 for sexual references). Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their roles from the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical as a couple of con men who concoct a get-rich-quick scheme to bilk investors by inducing them to hack a play certain to flop. Cast includes Will Ferrell, Uma Thurman, Andrea Martin, and Jon Lovitz.

The Ringer (PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, profanity, and drug references) Johnny Knoxville handles the title role in this over-the-top comedy about a creep who makes believe he's mentally challenged in order to enter the Special Olympics and win a bet that will enable him to pay off a debt.

Rumor Has It (PG-13 for mature themes, crude humor, sex content, and a drug reference). A meet-my-dysfunctional family comedy, about a New York Times obituary writer (Jennifer Aniston) who brings her new fiancé (Mark Ruffalo) home to Pasadena only to stumble upon a well-kept family secret, namely, that the movie *The Graduate* was modeled on the extramarital affair that her mom (Shirley MacLaine) had years ago with a college grad (Kevin Costner) who might be her father.

Shapgirl (R for sex and expletives). Adapting his own novella of the same name, Steve Martin stars in this romantic comedy as a wealthy, worldly-wise older man who finds himself in a love triangle with a cute, Saks Fifth Avenue cashier (Claire Danes) torn between him and a broke slacker (Jason Schwartzman) her own age.

The Squid and the Whale (R for sex and expletives). Dysfunctional family drama, set in Brooklyn in 1986, focuses on the emotional fallout visited upon the 12 and 16 year-old sons of an unhappily married couple (Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels) going through a messy divorce.

Syriana (R for violence and profanity). George Clooney heads the ensemble cast in the lead role of this multi-layered, political potboiler, based on *See No Evil*, Robert Baer's memoir of his international derring-do during a 21-year career with the CIA. With Oscar-winners Matt Damon, William Hurt, and Chris Cooper, Amanda Peet, Jeffrey Wright, Tim Blake Nelson and Christopher Plummer.

Ushpizin (PG-13 for mature themes). Made by members of Israel's Orthodox Jewish community, this melodrama revolves around Moshe (Shuli Rand) and Malli (Michal Bat-Sheva Rand), a childless, married couple with financial problems whose faith is tested when their prayers for help are answered by the arrival of a couple of strangers with a criminal past.

Walk the Line (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, and a depiction of drug dependency). Joaquin Phoenix impersonates Johnny Cash, while Reese Witherspoon plays wife June in this life and times bio-pic based on two autobiographies by the late country singer who'd "been everywhere, man" and always dressed in black. Cast includes Tyler Hilton as Elvis Presley, Shooter Jennings as his father, Waylon, Jonathan Rice as Roy Orbison, Waylon Payne as Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Holiday as Carl Perkins.

Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG for crude humor). Dennis Quaid and Renée Russo invoke fond memories of Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball who starred in the original version of this blended family comedy about a widower with 8 kids whose marriage to a widow with 10 urchins of her own turns into a nightmare when they all try to live under one roof.

—Kam Williams

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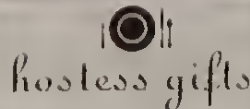


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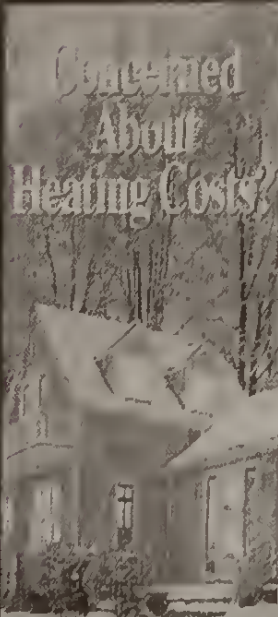
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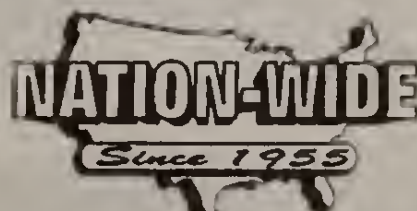
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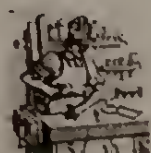
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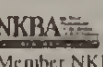
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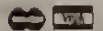
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Tiger Women's Hockey Goes Into Break at 9-3-3, But Knows Hot Start Doesn't Guarantee Anything

Jeff Kampersal is excited about the 9-3-3 start produced by his Princeton University women's hockey team but he knows it doesn't guarantee a great season.

Just before the players headed home for their holiday break, Kampersal reminded them that they have plenty of unfinished business.

"I just sent them an e-mail," said Kampersal, who is in his 10th season at the helm of the Tiger women's hockey program.

"I told them that we always get off to a decent start but after exams some teams have fallen off the cliff while others have held solid. I asked them to think about the legacy that they want to leave."

Kampersal was relatively happy with how his team left things before the break as they beat Wayne State 5-2 on December 9 before tying the Warriors 2-2 a day later.

"I think Friday night that we caught them off guard," said Kampersal, who got goals from Sarah Butsch, Annie Greenwood, Kim Pearce, Tarah Clark, and Marykate Oakley in the win. "We came out strong and scored early. They showed mettle and came back."

In the game the next day, the Tigers edged in front on a goal by Pearce but couldn't

hold onto the lead as it took a penalty and Wayne State scored a power play goal.

"I thought we weren't great in the second game but we weren't bad," said Kampersal whose team outshot the warriors by a 35-28 margin. "I thought we would hold on to the lead. We've played a lot of one-goal games and we are battle-tested. We've only given up eight goals at even strength. We've been letting in power play goals; we need to work on that."

The win and tie earned by the Tigers against Wayne State meant that they headed into the break riding a six-game unbeaten stretch, having gone 5-0-1 in that stretch.

As Kampersal looks ahead to the rest of the season, which will resume when the Tigers host Providence on January 2, he is confident that his core of seniors will help the team leave a good legacy.

"They are amazing people and amazing student athletes," said Kampersal, whose Class of 2006 includes Butsch, Clark, Heather Jackson, Chrissie Norwich, and Roxanne Gaudiel. "They are good leaders and the younger kids have been following them."

One of the leading performers on the ice for the Tigers has been stellar goalie Gaudiel, who boasts a 1.58 goals against average and has already been named the ECAC Hockey League Goaltender of the Week twice this season.

"The goaltending has been amazing," asserted Kampersal. "Roxie has been good in every game."

Princeton has been getting some good play from a pair of juniors, defenseman Dina McCumber and forward Kim Pearce.

"Dina is a great competitor," said Kampersal of the 5'4 native of North Tonawanda, N.Y. native who has 12 points on three goals and nine assists.

"She is small in stature but plays with a chip on her shoulder. She protects her teammates; she gives us an edge on the ice. She is a gifted offensive player who is patient with the puck. She holds onto it for the

extra second and that makes her great on the breakout."

Pearce is another gifted offensive player, having piled up a team-high 24 points on six goals and 18 assists. "This year Kim has really worked hard to develop into a force every game," said Kampersal of the 5'10 Pearce who is known as the "Big Cat" by her teammates. "She pounds out a lot of shots; her shot selection is much better this year. She is shooting them lower and setting up her teammates better."

One of the chief beneficiaries of Pearce's improved playmaking has been freshman star Greenwood, who leads Princeton with 11 goals. "She really likes to score goals," said Kampersal. "She has a knack for scoring."

Kampersal is confident his team won't lose its knack for scoring after returning from the holiday hiatus on December 27.

"The first two or three days back, we'll work on picking up our conditioning," said Kampersal.

"Then we'll work on getting some more chemistry on the power play. Our power play started slow but it started to click against Ohio State. We've got it up to 23

or 24 percent. The tough thing about the break is that the kids have really been clicking."

The Tigers will have to be clicking when they face 9-6-2 Providence to start the 2006 portion of their schedule.

"They're good," asserted Kampersal. "They always play hard. It may be better to have a few games after the break before playing them."

Princeton faces a hard road after the Providence game as its next seven games will be away from the friendly confines of Baker Rink.

"We'll be playing at Brown and Yale; they're both tough," said Kampersal, whose club is 5-1-1 in ECACHL play and tied with Clarkson and Harvard atop the league standings. "We'll be playing Cornell and Colgate again and they'll both be tougher in their building. There aren't really haves and have-nots in the league this season; it's really balanced. There is a small margin for error."

If Princeton can build on its hot start, it could tip the balance of the league in its favor.

-Bill Alden



RIDING HIGH: Princeton University senior forward Sarah Butsch, left, races up the ice in the Tigers' 2-1 win over Quinnipiac earlier this month. Butsch has contributed seven points on three goals and four assists to help Princeton get off to a 9-3-3 start. The Tigers are 5-1-1 in ECAC Hockey League play, tied with Clarkson and Harvard atop the league standings. Princeton is riding a six-game unbeaten streak, having gone 5-0-1 in that stretch.



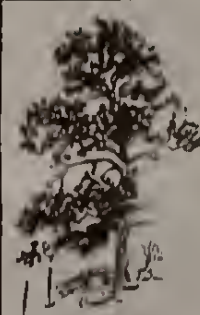
NO ENTRY: Princeton University senior goaltender Roxanne Gaudiel makes a save in recent action. Gaudiel boasts a 1.58 goals against average and has already been named the ECAC Hockey League Goaltender of the Week twice this season. Princeton is currently on holiday break and resumes play when it hosts Providence on January 2.

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Tiger Men's Hoops Hits New Low in Loss to Monmouth; But Shows Encouraging Signs in Wake Forest Defeat

Coming into the season, Joe Scott knew that his Princeton men's basketball team would have trouble scoring at times. But Scott never envisioned that the Tigers would struggle like they did last Wednesday night when they made just 9-of-41 shots in an embarrassing 41-21 loss to Monmouth before 2,535 at Jadwin Gym. Princeton's paltry output tied the NCAA record for the lowest number of points scored in a game since the shot clock was instituted in the 1985-86 season, matching the standard for futility set by Coastal Carolina. The

teams' combined total set a new low in the shot clock era. The normally fiery Scott was reduced to a hoarse monotone as he assessed the carnage. "We're going to have problems scoring; it's not like we didn't know this," said Scott, whose starting lineup against Monmouth included three sophomores and one freshman. "We've had problems scoring so that makes it more imperative to know what you're doing and to be exact at what you're doing."

But with Princeton coming off a 59-50 win over Wyoming on December 10 and averag-

ing 49.3 points a game, Scott was stunned by what he witnessed.

After making just five-of-22 shots in the first half, the Tigers trailed 21-11 at half-time. Early in the second half, Patrick Ekeruo hit a layup and a three-pointer to bring Princeton to within 21-16.

Then the Tigers went as cold as the 14 degree weather outside, not scoring a point for the next 14:52. By the time Kyle Koncz broke the ice, it was 39-18 and most of the Jadwin crowd had filed out.

"I didn't think our struggles were going to get that bad," lamented Scott. "You make it 21-16 and I wasn't thinking it was going to get what it got to, I thought at one point that we were going to break through and hit a three and get a stop. Their zone gave us tons of problems. We lost focus of everything that we usually do."

To add insult to injury, the Tigers squandered a decent defensive effort in the process. "You can't blame the defense," said Scott, whose club held Monmouth to 41 percent shooting from the field.

"It's extremely hard to keep stopping them when we lost our focus offensively. We were able to maintain it defensively but at some point that fell too."

Junior center Patrick Ekeruo, who was Princeton's leading scorer with nine points, concurred with Scott's analysis.

"I think that probably the worst part was that as bad as we played we were in it," said a subdued Ekeruo.

"With 10 minutes left we were down eight and still had a chance to win. Things were a little rushed on offense but I didn't feel we were out of it."

Last Saturday, the Tigers

did show signs of life as they went down to Wake Forest and hit the 21-point mark early in the first half as they took a 21-20 lead over the 16th-ranked Demon Deacons in a game telecast nationally on ESPN 2.

With 7:50 left, Princeton was still within reach as it trailed 46-37. But then the Tigers fell into another drought, going without a field goal for six minutes as Wake Forest went on a 15-0 run and cruised to a 61-42 win.

With Koncz scoring 17 points and Harrison Schaan adding 10 in the loss which dropped Princeton to 2-6, Scott is hoping that his young team will get in sync with some more experience.

"I feel like we're getting to the point where this is the team and these are the guys and we just need to throw them out there and play," said Scott, who recently inserted Koncz, Ekeruo, and sophomore guard Kevin Steurer into the starting lineup and switched Schaan from center to forward and Luke Owings from forward to center.

"It took four or five games to get to that point. Now we need time in practice to have these guys play together and develop what it is we're going to be doing."

Ekeruo, for his part, thinks the Tigers' youth may work to their advantage. "We're a young team, we just need to get some experience," said Ekeruo, who will aim to get Princeton back on the winning track when it plays Stanford on December 21 in the Pete Newell Challenge in Oakland, Calif. "Because we are young, we'll learn quickly."

With the Tigers starting Ivy League play in mid-January, the players better speed up the learning curve or it's going to be a long, cold winter.

—Bill Alden



OFF-LINE: Princeton sophomore forward Kyle Koncz heads to the baseline last Wednesday in the Tigers' 41-21 defeat to Monmouth. Last Saturday, Koncz scored a team-high 17 points as Princeton fell 61-42 at 16th-ranked Wake Forest. The Tigers, now 2-6, face Stanford on December 21 in the Pete Newell Challenge in Oakland, Calif.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



BIG CHILL: Princeton sophomore forward Harrison Schaan struggles to find an opening last Wednesday in the Tigers' 41-21 loss to visiting Monmouth. With its paltry output, Princeton joined Coastal Carolina in holding the NCAA record for the lowest number of points scored in a game since the shot clock was instituted in the 1985-86 season. The teams' combined total set a new low in the shot clock era.

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Tiger Women's Hoops Holds Off Rider 67-63

Led by a solid effort from sophomore star Meg Cowher, the Princeton University women's basketball team won 67-63 at Rider last Wednesday night.

Cowher scored 19 points and Katy O'Brien chipped in 14 as Princeton held off a late rally by the Broncos. With the Tigers leading by 61-41 midway through the second half, winless Rider reeled off 16 straight points to turn the game into a nailbiter.

The win lifted Princeton to 6-3, the program's best nine-game start since the 1995-96 team went 7-2 out of the gate. In upcoming action, the Tigers were slated to play at top-ranked Tennessee on December 20 and at Mt. St. Mary's on December 28.

McCareins Earns Honors, Will Compete All-Star Game

Senior defensive back Jay McCareins, who led the nation in interceptions and helped Princeton to its first seven-win season in a decade, was named last week to two more All-America teams.

McCareins, who earned his first All America selection when the Walter Camp team was announced on December 9, was named to both the Sports Network and the Associated Press 2005 All-America Teams. He is Princeton's first first-team All American since Taylor Northrop earned that distinction as a placekicker in 2001.

The last Princeton defensive player to be named a first-

team All American was Dean Cain, who earned the honor after setting a Princeton record with 12 interceptions in 1987. McCareins is now second on the single-season list after making nine interceptions this season.

In addition, McCareins accepted an invitation to play in the inaugural Magnolia Gridiron Classic All-Star Game. The game will take place on December 24 in Jackson, Miss. at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Princeton Alum Doar Wins NCAA Award

John Doar, a 1944 Princeton University graduate who lettered in basketball, was named last week as one of three winners of the 2006 NCAA Inspiration Award.

The Inspiration Award, which is not automatically awarded annually, recognizes a current or former coach, administrator or varsity letterwinner at an NCAA institution who, when confronted with a life-altering situation, used perseverance, dedication, and determination to overcome Indianapolis.

the event and now serves as a role model for others.

Doar is being honored for a career that saw him become one of the most important figures in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. In 1963, he successfully prosecuted seven men accused of murdering three civil rights workers in Mississippi. He was at the front of the legendary civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama.

Perhaps his most dangerous role in the South came in 1964, when he personally took James Meredith to desegregate the University of Mississippi.

Doar will share the award with Amherst lacrosse goalie Raul Altrecche, who went from being orphaned and abandoned in New York City at an early age to become a college student-athlete, and Lois Taurman, who lettered in three sports at Bellarmine and then continued her nursing education and athletic career despite an accident that left her a quadriplegic. The three will be honored at the NCAA convention on January 7 in Indianapolis.



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Emphasizing Balanced Offensive Attack, PHS Girls' Hockey Roars Out of the Gate

Having eagerly anticipated their season opener with visiting Summit last Wednesday, the players on the Princeton High girls' hockey team had to wait just a little bit longer than they had expected before getting things underway.

With Summit's bus leaving late, the game got started nearly an hour after the scheduled 4:15 opening faceoff at the Lawrenceville School rink.

Chomping at the bit, the Little Tigers didn't waste any time imposing their will on the tardy visitors. PHS jumped out to a 5-0 lead after one period and cruised to a satisfying 9-0 romp over Summit.

Afterward, a beaming PHS head coach Matt Becan

thought his team's performance was worth the wait. "They started off strong," said Becan, whose team outshot Summit 46-11.

"We were worried that they might get overconfident. They played a smart mental game with good positioning. They tried to keep in their system and they did a good job. We coasted a little bit in the first period but as the girls got comfortable, they picked things up more and more and got into a rhythm."

That offensive rhythm was reflected on a scoring sheet that saw several Little Tigers get into the act as Dee Dee Mahon scored three goals and Carly Ray added two with

Blair Thompson, Melissa Diamond, Sue Westock, and Cami Mahon chipping in one apiece. Thompson, Katie Burke, and Kristen Naylor each got credit for two assists.

The team's scoring balance figures to be a major asset for PHS as the season unfolds. "We've got a really good mix of players," added Becan, who relied on Vicki Chen, now a reserve on the Princeton University women's hockey team, for much of the team's scoring last season.

"This year we don't have one player who we are going to be relying on. It looks like any player on the ice can score. We're coaching as a team, looking for them to make some nice plays and nice passes, finding open players in front of the net and getting good scoring opportunities."

In the opener, junior center Dee Dee Mahon cashed in the most opportunities with her hat trick. "Dee Dee has a lot of confidence this year," said Becan, who got two more goals from Mahon last Sunday as PHS beat Summit 6-2 to improve to 2-0. "She has great stickhandling skills and a good shot. She also has speed up the middle which is great. She just drives right through and finds an opening and gets the shot on net. She's learned to hit those corners pretty well."

The PHS defense, spearheaded by Thompson, Naylor and Cami Mahon, was also impressive in the opener as it totally shut down Summit and also contributed to the attack. "Our defense really stepped up," maintained Becan, a goalie in his college playing days.

"You saw Cami Mahon skate in and Blair come up and score a goal. It was outstanding; that's something we're going to be looking at for our defense to step up into the offensive zone and score. They also have to be a wall on the defensive end."

Becan shifted the multi-talented Thompson to defense this season and is looking for her to be a force on the blue line. "She has the ability to get up the ice well," said Becan of Thompson who moved to Princeton last year from the hockey hotbed of Minnesota.

"When she's got the puck in the corner, she's able to find those openings and skate into them. She also helps in front of the net, moving the puck



DIGGING IT: Princeton High sophomore forward Suzanne Hudis, left, digs the puck out the corner last Wednesday in PHS' 9-0 opening game rout of Summit. Hudis contributed an assist in the victory. The Little Tigers, now 2-0 on the season, play Stuart Country Day on December 21 at the Lawrenceville School rink.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

out. She's got a big physical presence and she's used to playing with her body and pushing players out."

PHS is ready to make a big push in the eight-team Women's Interscholastic Hockey League of the Mid-Atlantic (WIHLMA), which has solidified its status and will be holding a playoff for the teams that finish in the top four in the league standings.

"It wasn't an official league last year," said Becan, whose team faces Stuart Country Day on December 21 at Lawrenceville. "This year we're playing for a championship; we're playing for a trophy. We want to set a pace early and build momentum as we go into the league. It's important for the team to

have a couple of games behind us so we can really come out strong."

In Becan's view, the program is getting really strong. "Every year we seem to build off of our previous year," asserted Becan. "I wouldn't say we've taken a major step as far as our talent. But they

understand the game a little bit more and they are able to build off of that a little quicker."

Based on the Little Tigers' quick start to this season, it appears that the program should be a force in the WIHLMA.

—Bill Alden



WELCOME MATT: Princeton High girls' hockey head coach Matt Becan likes what he sees last Wednesday as his squad opened the season with a 9-0 rout of Summit. Six different players scored goals in the game with Dee Dee Mahon leading the way with a hat trick and Carly Ray adding two. Last Sunday, the Little Tigers improved to 2-0 as they won 6-2 at Summit.

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Building on Last Year's Tournament Run, PHS Girls' Swimming Produces Hot Start

For Gaby Cifuentes, helping the Princeton High girls' swimming team advance to the state Public B championship meet last season pushed her to a different level.

"I went from 59 seconds to 57 in the 100 freestyle in the state meet; it's probably the biggest improvement I've had," said Cifuentes. "It gave us a lot of confidence; it was great. We all did our best. There's nothing I would change. We totally showed in the state meet that we were really good."

Cifuentes, a junior freestyle star, showed that she is going to be good again this season, tip of the iceberg when it comes to reaching her potential.

free last week to help PHS top Notre Dame 105-64 and improve to 2-0 on the season.

"The 100 free is my favorite, I always go all out in that race," said a smiling Cifuentes, who clocked a time of 59.48 in winning the race. "The 200 is probably the biggest hurdle for me."

In addition to her exploits in the 100 free in the win over Notre Dame, Cifuentes also helped the Little Tigers prevail in the 200 and 400 free relay events.

While Cifuentes is happy with how the season has started, she is just scratching the tip of the iceberg when it comes to reaching her potential.



FLYING HIGH: Princeton High senior star Carson Johnson displays her butterfly form in a training session last season. Last week, Johnson helped the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay teams post wins as PHS cruised past Notre Dame 105-54. The Little Tigers, who moved to 2-0 with the win over the Irish, were slated to host powerful WW/P-S on December 20 before competing at Hamilton on December 22.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Notre Dame. Senior superstar Nina Rossi won the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly, and was a member of the victorious 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams. Sophomore standout Kathleen Morrison took both the 200 free and the 500 free as well as helping the 400 free relay team to victory.

Hand acknowledged that he is looking for Rossi to provide leadership in and out of the pool. "Obviously her training has been with her club," said Hand, who is also getting good leadership from his two other seniors, Carson Johnson and Raeann Bourscheid.

"We see her everyday; she's always contacting the kids in school. She makes the most out of having the opportunity to be a leader in a high school team."

In Hand's view, Morrison makes the most out of her opportunity to compete. "She raced extremely well," added Hand, whose team is scheduled to host powerful WW/P-S on December 20 before competing at Hamilton on December 22. "She was real aggressive in her 200. More impressively in the 500, she swam aggressively and set the tone for the race in the first 100 yards. She is a very solid character. She doesn't worry about her races; she just swims them hard."

The PHS girls possess a collective character that was forged in last year's magical state tournament run. "The legacy of last year's seniors is not just the memories, which those kids and this year's veterans can cherish for a lifetime," added Hand, whose squad fell 95-75 to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the Public B championship meet.

"I think another, more subtle gift is that last year's seniors taught this year's team that group cohesion and group work ethic doesn't happen automatically. These kids know something about how to do it thanks to the kids who got it done over the last two to three years."

Cifuentes, for her part, can sense a special chemistry developing on this year's team. "We're building friendships, we've been getting to know each other for the last few weeks," asserted Cifuentes. "We lost a lot of seniors but the new kids are doing really, really well. Everybody's attitude has been really, really positive. I have a lot of confidence."

—Bill Alden

PHS Boys' Swimming Gets Pushed, Needs Rally to Edge Notre Dame

It was just the second meet of the season for the Princeton High boys' swimming team but there was a state tournament atmosphere at the John Witherspoon pool as the Little Tigers battled Notre Dame last week.

Coming into the 400 freestyle relay, the final event of the meet, PHS trailed Notre Dame 79-77 and needed to place first in order to come out victorious.

With the parents and fellow swimmers standing and yelling as one, PHS fed off the emotion and its top quartet of Sean MacKenzie, James Beslity, Alex Zantal, and Mike Stehn pulled away for the win which gave PHS a hard-earned 87-83 victory.

In reflecting on the win, PHS head coach Greg Hand was pleased with how his team responded to getting pushed by the Irish.

"Our kids showed toughness and spirit," said Hand. "We have to get much better technically because there are certain races where we could've changed the outcome if we had been more solid. It's good to see another team that is at least as fit as we are, who does the basics well, and was very psyched about the competition. As much as we weren't as fast as we'll be later on, that gives you incentive to train better."

The Little Tigers produced some fine efforts considering that it is early in the season. "Across the board, we got good performances," added Hand. "Mike Stehn did great work in the sprints. He got a

personal best in bringing home the 400 'A' relay. It was exciting to see them check the times and come up to me saying they did personal bests. It doesn't show that they are fit necessarily but it does show they're ready to swim really tough."

Individual winners for PHS included Stehn in the 50 free, MacKenzie in the 200 individual medley, and Joe Carroll in the 500 free.

As Hand molds a young team that has plenty of experience but only two seniors in Devin White and Wan Cha, he knows that it will be a challenge to find the best combination.

"We had three swimmers who graduated and two younger guys who went away to school so it's pretty much the same team we had last year," explained Hand, whose squad was scheduled to host powerful WW/P-S on December 20 before competing at Hamilton on December 22.

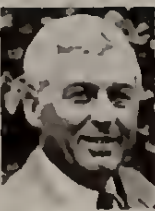
"We're trying to find ways to compete with this group. Meets like this may be the high point of this kind of season where you've done enough work to have a chance to win a meet."

If the Little Tigers can duplicate the resolve they showed in the last relay against Notre Dame, they could be looking at some more big wins this season.

—Bill Alden

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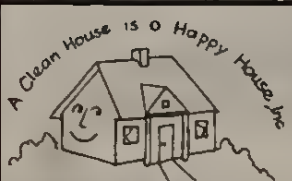
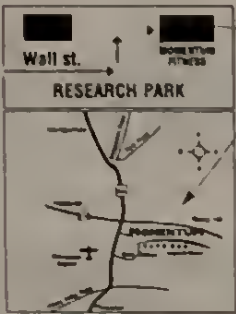
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Unnerved by Opening Night Jitters, PHS Girls' Basketball Bounces Back

With a roster stocked with guards, Princeton High girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano hoped to use her team's quickness to exert defensive pressure on Hamilton last Friday in the season opener.

Instead, Hamilton put a full-court press on PHS which knocked the Little Tigers off stride and helped the Hornets build a 33-18 lead at the half.

After the intermission, PHS turned up the defensive pressure but it was too little, too late as Hamilton earned a 49-32 victory.

In assessing her team's opening night effort, Inzano acknowledged that the Hamilton press disrupted things.

"We can press but I knew that we were already tired trying to break their press," said Inzano. "The press hurt us at the beginning of the game but we finally broke through."

The third-year head coach was pleased with how her team progressed in the second half as it was only outscored 16-14.

"We did a better job of boxing out in the third and fourth quarter," asserted Inzano, whose club edged Monroe 38-34 last Monday to improve to 1-1. "We really picked up the defense in the second half. I think we need to do that right from the start."

As for the Little Tigers' offense, senior star Erin Cook picked it up right from the start as she poured in a game-high 17 points.

"Erin played a heckuva game," said Inzano of Cook, who was one of the top scorers in the area last season as she averaged 16 points a game. "She can go with the shot or the drive. She knows what she has to do."

The Little Tigers, though, need others to share the offensive load with Cook. "We need more scorers," said Cook, who got five points apiece from juniors Kelly Curtis and Liana Dorman in the loss to the Hornets. "We can't have Erin scoring it every

time. The other teams will know that. We just need the other players to pick it up now."

Getting other players involved in the offense will require PHS to be smarter with the ball collectively. "We just need to be more patient on offense," explained Inzano. "We need to get our players the ball sooner. We can't dribble it down and wait because the defense is already there."

While disappointed by the opening night setback, Inzano can't wait for the rest of the season to unfold.

"Maybe we were nervous a bit for our first game," said Inzano, whose club was slated to play at Trenton on December 20 before hosting Franklin on December 22 and then competing in the Viking Tournament in South Brunswick starting on December 27.

"We got it under our belt. We still have a lot to go through with our younger players. I need to get them into the rotation. I'm looking forward to the season."

—Bill Alden



ESTABLISHING POSITION: Princeton High junior star Kelly Curtis gets ready to snatch a rebound in action last season. On Monday, Curtis scored seven points and hit two free throws in the waning seconds to clinch a 38-34 win over Monroe.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NU SportAction)



GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: Princeton High girls' basketball head coach Nikki Inzano imparts some guidance in action last season. Emphasizing defensive intensity, Inzano has her squad off to a 1-1 start this season. In upcoming action, PHS is slated to play at Trenton on December 20 before hosting Franklin on December 22 and then competing in the Viking Tournament in South Brunswick starting on December 27.

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Hun Girls' Hoops Passes Early Tests, Using Talent, Balance to Start 8-0

Aiming to be even more formidable than last winter, the Hun School girls' basketball team has submitted itself to some stiff early-season tests.

The Ralders, who set a program record for wins by going 22-3 in the 2004-05 campaign, headed to Pennsylvania two weeks ago and topped Penn Charter and Episcopal.

Last weekend, Hun traveled to Blair Academy and went 3-0 in that school's tourney, knocking off previously undefeated Hyde (Conn.) in the process.

With his team at 8-0, Hun head coach Bill Holup is pleased with how his players have handled the challenging schedule. "We have nice height on the inside and we

have girls who can hit the outside shot," said Holup, whose club beat Hill 59-36, Hyde 69-47, and then cruised past Dwight 62-19 at the Blair tourney.

"In the early part of this season, we have played some tough games. Last weekend two of the three games were against pretty strong teams. Against Hill, we were ahead by six points at the half and then we overwhelmed them in the second half. Hyde cut the lead to seven in the third quarter and we were able to pull away."

In the wins last weekend, Hun demonstrated its balance. The Ralders connected on spark off the bench," asserted

nine three-point shots in the victory over Hill with guards Amanda Sepulveda and Ali Tartacoff each scoring 14 points and senior center Mary Stinson chipping in 12.

Against Hyde, Hun again hit nine three-pointers as Tartacoff netted 17 points and sophomore forward Emily Gratch showed her versatility hitting from inside and outside in piling up 16 points.

As further indication of Hun's strength, freshman Cara Fiori has developed into a force in a reserve role, scoring 12 in the win over Hyde and then pouring in a game-high 18 in the rout of over-matched Dwight.

"Cara has given us a great defense," asserted

Holup, who has also gotten some good minutes from such reserves as Bridget Stinson, Cyndra Couch, and Morgan Cawley. "She is really starting to get into a rhythm. She has a lot of potential and really loves the game. She's only going to get better and better."

Holup thinks his club can get better and better, particularly since it appears to have a special unity to go along with all of its talent.

"I think we jelled even before the season started," asserted Holup, noting that the team got in sync through playing in a summer league in Robbinsville. "The chemistry has been there, the girls really get along. I think they are having a lot of fun."

Hun will look to have fun next week when it looks to defend its title in the Trenton Catholic (formerly McCorristin) holiday tournament, which takes place from December 28-30.

"We play Northern Burlington in the first round," said Holup, whose club has won two straight titles at the event. "We beat them pretty easily last year. They have a new coach and that will present a challenge. We're not looking past anybody."

In Holup's view, the key to keeping his team rolling is for the players to not get too impressed with themselves. "The most difficult thing is keeping them focused," asserted Holup, whose club fell to powerful Peddie last season in both the Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title games. "If you take anybody lightly, they can knock you off. Kids are kids so you have to keep on them."

If Hun can keep its focus, it should be knocking off a lot more teams this winter.

—Bill Alden

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JUMP START: Hun School star forward Mary Stinson lofts a shot in action last season. Helped by Stinson's consistent play inside, Hun is off to a sizzling 8-0 start this season. Last weekend, Hun traveled to Blair Academy and went 3-0 in that school's tourney, knocking off Hill 59-39, previously undefeated Hyde (Conn.) 69-47, and Dwight 62-19 in the process. In upcoming action, Hun looks to defend its title in the Trenton Catholic (formerly McCorristin) holiday tournament, which takes place from December 28-30.

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BREAKING THROUGH: Princeton Day School sophomore guard Hannah Epstein, center, breaks through two Academy of New Church defenders last Wednesday on her way to a career-high 24 point effort in PDS' 41-33 win over ANC. The Panthers, now 2-3 on the season, will compete in the South Hunterdon/Hew Hope tournament on December 27-28.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Girls' Hoops Shows New Confidence As It Wins 2 Straight After Tough Start

After opening the season with lopsided losses to the George School and Pennington, the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team badly needed a shot of confidence.

Participating in a "playday" at Academy of New Church on December 10, PDS had the chance to play one-half scrimmages against four different opponents.

"We won three of the four halves we played," said PDS head coach Sue Repko. "There were no stakes; the girls played loose and everybody got a chance to play. They gained a lot of confidence, they were able to relax and just play."

Building on that confidence, the Panthers posted their first win of the season two days later as they topped Purnell 31-20 led by a 15-point outburst from junior star Ashley Chappo.

"We played without Hannah Epstein and Ashley really stepped it up," said Repko, noting that Epstein was unable to play due to a previously scheduled music commitment.

"Ashley was really going to the hoop. They were playing zone and the girls were comfortable against it, moving the ball and getting shots."

One Panther in particular who benefited from the good ball movement was freshman guard Emily Waters, who chipped in eight points in the victory.

"Emily got shots and she was hitting them," said Repko. "She has offensive strengths. She keeps her cool. It can be intimidating for a freshman; she has a nice outside shot."

"Hannah built on what she did at the jamboree; she realizes that she can take the ball up and score off the dribble," said Repko, who got 11 points from Chappo in the victory. "She was taking it to the hole and getting layups."

While the Panthers' winning streak was snapped Friday when they fell 72-53 to Springside, the team still made progress offensively.

PDS scored its most points of the season so far; Chappo had 19, with Meg Francfort scoring a season-high 15, and Epstein chipping in 13.

"That was a very tough, physical game," added Repko. "Meg and Ashley got points inside; they had a lot of put-backs. It was good preparation for our Patriot Conference games. It was a chance for us to score a lot of points; we had three players in double figures."

The Panthers will be getting some more good preparation as they compete in the South Hunterdon/Hew Hope tournament on December 27-28.

"We'll be playing South Hunterdon first and they were a Group I finalist last year so that will be tough," acknowledged Repko. "We need to play these games; it's a good way to get ready for the rest of the season."

Repko has high hopes for the rest of the season. "We won two games all of last season so it's good to have two wins already," asserted Repko. "We have a lot of winnable games left. I think we can pull some upsets in some of the other games."

—Bill Alden



DRIVING FORCE: Princeton Day School junior forward Ashley Chappo drives to the hoop last Wednesday in the Panthers' 41-33 win over Academy of New Church. Last Friday against Springside, Chappo poured in a team-high 19 points but it wasn't enough as PDS dropped a 72-53 decision.

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TURNING RED: Hun School senior field hockey star Katie Kirnan, center, and her parents, Jack and Jean Kirnan, are all smiles as she formally committed to attend Cornell University next year. Kirnan, a four-year starter for the Raiders, led the team in scoring her last three years and was the team co-captain and MVP as a junior and senior. She was named as a first-team All-Prep and All-Mid-Atlantic Prep League performer the last two seasons and should be a welcome addition to the Big Red program. Kirnan has also excelled in the classroom at Hun, earning an academic average of 94 percent and being named as an Edward J. Bloustein Scholar and the recipient of the Dwight Eisenhower Award for Outstanding Leader of Character.

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PHS

Boys' Basketball: Unable to overcome an early 10-point deficit, PHS fell 61-37 to visiting Monroe last Monday. Ben Guervil scored 11 points to lead the Little Tigers, who fell to 0-2 with the loss. In upcoming action, PHS hosts Trenton on December 21 and Riverside on December 23.

Boys' Ice Hockey: John Ryan led the way once again as sizzling PHS blanked Manasquan 5-0 last Monday. Ryan scored three goals with Billy Ward and Christian McCracken adding the other two scores. Junior goalie Shane Leuck registered 12 saves in earning the shutout. The Little Tigers, now 7-0, will face WW/P-S on December 22 at Mercer County Park.

Wrestling: PHS went 2-1 as they started their season last Saturday by hosting their annual Garden State Classic. The Little Tigers topped Trenton 68-12 and North Brunswick 59-24 while falling 60-21 to A.P. Schallick. Individual standouts on the day for PHS included Andre Cutler at 152 pounds, Peter Asmuth at 160, Tom Frantzen at 171, and J.P. Henrichsen at 275. The Little Tigers have dual meets at Steinert on December 21 and at Hamilton on December 23.

HUN

Boys' Basketball: Sparked by another big effort from Idris Hilliard, Hun topped Paramus 54-48 last Sunday. Hilliard poured in 18 points with Geoff Rizk chipping in 13. The Raiders, now 5-3, are next in action when they compete in the Bay Ball Classic on December 29-30.

Boys' Hockey: Suffering a heartbreaking defeat, Hun fell 3-2 to Landon last Sunday in the final of its Hun Invitational. Raider star Andrew Ashenfelter scored the game-tying goal with 2:38 left in the third period but Landon scored the game-winner with two seconds left. Hun, now 3-4, will resume play after the holidays when it hosts Morristown-Beard on January 5.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Porter Braswell came up big as Lawrenceville edged Trinity Pawling 56-51 last Saturday in a consolation game at the New York Boys' Club tournament. Braswell scored 21 points with Leonard Hayes adding 13. The Big Red, now 5-3, is off for the rest of December and will resume action by hosting Lakewood Prep on January 4.

Boys' Hockey: Lawrenceville topped Nichols 2-1 last Saturday to advance to the semifinals of its annual tournament for the first time since 1992. Unable to build on that

win, the Big Red fell 3-1 to Choate and then lost 4-0 to Taft to end up fourth in the tourney. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville will compete in the Belmont Hill Tournament from December 28-30.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Unable to get its offense untracked, PDS fell 47-30 to visiting Moorestown last Saturday. The Panthers scored just eight points in the first half as they fell to 2-2 on the year. PDS will compete in a holiday tournament in North Warren from December 27-28.

Boys' Hockey: Playing top-flight New England prep competition last weekend, PDS came away with a split at the Barber Tournament held in Boston. In its opening game at

the event, the Panthers routed Worcester Academy 8-2 as Justin Mimmo scored four goals and Clint O'Brien chipped in two. In its next outing, PDS fell 4-2 to Vermont Academy as Pat McDonald and Eric Czapka found the back of the net for the Panthers. PDS, now 3-1, hosts Bergen Catholic on January 4.

Girls' Hockey: Heading up to Connecticut for the Canterbury Tournament, PDS battled hard last weekend in going 0-3 at the event. PDS fell 7-2 to Canterbury and 8-4 to New Canaan in games played Friday. PDS dropped a 2-1 decision to Hill in a shootout in its final appearance. Sophomore winger Emily Cook was named to the All-Tournament after notching two goals and two assists in the three games. Senior Jessie Cellars had three goals and two assists on the weekend. The Panthers, now 3-3-1, host Princeton High on January 6.

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Princeton Varsity Club Winter Lunch January 12

The Princeton Varsity Club is holding its annual decision to West Windsor on winter luncheon on January Sunday. Ian Finnen and 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Class of 1956 Lounge in the upper level of Princeton Stadium.

The event will feature speeches from Tiger winter coaches. Scheduled speakers include men's basketball coach Joe Scott, women's basketball coach Richard Bar-Eliot Golden with 6 points and 10 rebounds, Princeton U-12 girls fell to Monroe as Arielle Thomas scored four points to pace Princeton in a losing cause.

The Princeton U-11 boys' basketball squad lost to South Brunswick 35-21. Princeton was led by Scott Bechler with 5 points.

Guy Gadowsky, and wrestling coach Michael New. The cost of the event is \$15 at the door with PVC members getting in for free.

For more information about the luncheon or the PVC, contact Louise Gengler via e-mail at gengler@princeton.edu or by phone at (609) 258-8393.

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-13 girls' travel basketball team defeated Flemington 35-24 in West Jersey League action this weekend. Molly Barber scored 15 points and grabbed four rebounds to lead Princeton. Janie Smukler added 12 points and seven steals while Neta Nakash collected 11 rebounds. Princeton is now 2-1 in league play.

Princeton's U-14 boys' team lost two games this weekend in Central Jersey League action to fall to 4-2. On Saturday, the U14's lost to Zarahath 54-50. Skye Ettin kept Princeton in the game by scoring 20 points. Jay Dwyer scored 7 points and earned nine rebounds for Princeton. Devin Holman added 12 points on four 3-point shots. A day later, Princeton lost to last year's Champion, Upper Makefield 46-28. Josh Gor-

don led Princeton with 12 points, while Holman had six points and Dwyer netted five.

The Princeton U-12 boys earned their first win of the year with a 36-32 win over East Brunswick in the North Brunswick league. Jonathan Ostroff had 18 points and Devon Holliday-Black had 11.

Princeton dropped a 55-21 Princeton U-12 girls fell to Devon Holliday-Black scored 6 points each in the loss.

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Princeton Little League Offering Winter Clinics

The Princeton Little League will be offering winter baseball clinics again this year.

The clinics are available to children who were members of the Princeton Little League in the 2005 season. The program will run from December 16 through January 29. The clinics will take place at the Princeton University Indoor baseball complex in Jadwin Gym and will be conducted by Princeton University coaches and players at a ratio of one coach to five children.

For more information, visit the Princeton Little League web site at www.princetonlittleleague.com

Patriots Travel Baseball Seeking Additional Players

The Princeton Patriots Baseball Team is seeking additional players for its spring 2006 program.

Individuals ages 12 and under are eligible to apply. The team will have a home field in Princeton and play in several local competitive leagues. For more information, contact Paul Horan at (609) 921-5257 or paul.horan@sun.com.



JACOB'S LADDER: Jacob Eisenberg of the McCaffrey's team in the Dillon Youth Basketball League's 6th/7th grade boys' division drives to the hoop in recent action. The Dillon league is currently on holiday hiatus with play resuming on January 7.

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 59 calls last week. Twenty-eight were located in Princeton Borough, 26 in Princeton Township and five to neighboring municipalities. Included in the above numbers were ten calls to Princeton University.

Early Sunday morning, December 11, the Squad responded for a male in his 20s experiencing a diabetic emergency. The conscious, confused patient had taken his insulin earlier, but had not eaten a substantive meal, which caused his blood sugar to drop to a dangerously low level. The crew administered oral glucose and high-flow oxygen and rendezvoused with paramedics who were able to administer additional glucose intravenously before transporting the patient to the hospital.

The Squad was busy with thirteen calls on Thursday, December 15. Seven of these calls occurred in less than four hours that morning and included two patients experiencing a potential stroke, a patient with chest pain, a patient with hypertension, and a patient in respiratory distress.

Shortly after midnight, on Friday December 16, the Squad responded to the lobby of a Princeton University dorm for an 18-year-old male found face down and vomiting. According to his friend, the patient was celebrating the end of the semester and had consumed approximately 8 shots before heading out to continue drinking at a party. The patient was confused, continually asking the crew to "touch his feet" for fear that "the liberals took them." The crew transported the patient to the hospital with close monitoring to prevent theft of his extremities.

On December 16, the Squad responded in front of the First Campus Center for a 55-year-old woman who fell off her bicycle. The patient was unconscious when police officers arrived, was confused when responding to questions after she regained consciousness, and could not recall how or why she fell off her bicycle. The patient suffered an abrasion, bruising and swelling on the side of her face as a result of the incident and was bandaged and immobilized prior to transport to the hospital.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization. For more information on membership or support, visit www.pfars.org or call 924-3338.

Police Blotter

Four recent motor vehicle stops resulted in the arrests of motorists who were found to be wanted on warrants.

A stop on Washington Road at approximately 1:30 a.m. December 10 led to the arrest of Thomas P. Hart, 23, of Lawrenceville. He was found to be wanted on active warrants out of several courts totaling \$215. He was processed at Borough Police

Headquarters, given several summonses, then released on his own recognizance.

Andre Johnson, 40, of Edgewater Park, stopped for a traffic violation of December 12, was subsequently arrested after he was found to be wanted on a warrant from New Brunswick totaling \$300. He was released after posting bail.

Justin Thomas, 19, of Princeton, was charged with several counts following his arrest on December 13—the traffic violation, warrants out of several courts totaling \$720, and hindering arrest when he reportedly gave the officer a false name. He was issued complaint summonses, then held in default of bail.

Charles G. Lamb, 27, of Trenton, stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Witherspoon Street on December 13, was charged on several counts after he was found to be wanted on active warrants out of several courts totaling \$6,782. He was additionally charged with hindering and unsworn falsification when he allegedly gave the arresting officer a fictitious name. He was issued complaint summonses, then held in default of the bail.

Ernesto Cirilo, 29, of Hillside Avenue, was arrested on December 15 on active warrants out of Edison totaling \$219. He was released after posting bail.

A Princeton University student has been arrested and charged in a sexual assault case that took place December 4 at the University's 1938 Hall. Nicholas S. Hermandorfer, 21, of Clifton, Va., was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault, one count of criminal sexual contact, and one count of criminal restraint as a result of an investigation into the incident that allegedly occurred in his dorm room. Following his arrest, Mr. Hermandorfer was released on \$50,000 bail.

Police reported that the assault victim was not a Princeton University student.

Two thefts of personal articles reported during the week were suspected of having taken place at Princeton University eating clubs on Prospect Avenue. Both were reported by Princeton students.

On December 16, an 18-year-old female undergraduate reported the theft of a camera from her coat, which she said she had left in the cloak room of the Cloister Club during the evening of December 10. Another unidentified woman reported having gone to several clubs during the evening of December 15, during which time her wallet was stolen along with its contents. She was unclear as to the exact location of the theft.

Police have no suspects in either case.

Clinton M. Bell, 18, of Endwell, N.Y., was arrested on December 18 following a motor vehicle stop at 6:22 p.m. on Nassau Street when he was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. He was taken to Police Headquarters, processed, and released on his own recognizance.

Two 17 year old males, both Lawrence High School students, were arrested on Nassau Street on December 18 on charges of being minors in possession of alcohol. One of the two was also charged with driving while intoxicated after police determined that he was acting suspiciously in his car. The two accused youths were taken to police headquarters, assigned a January 9 court date, then released to their parents. Also arrested for driving while intoxicated were Quentin E. Brooks, 24, of Plainsboro, on December 10; David Allen Berhardt, 43, of Princeton, on December 16; Dana M. Lachenmayer, 19, of Fruitland, Md., on December 17; Mark Aguilar-Aasted, 34, of Pennington, on December 18; and Shelley A. Feder, 56, of Bedminster, on December 20. Mr. Brooks was issued a summons to appear in Borough Municipal Court on December 19. Mr. Berhardt was issued a summons to appear on December 26. The others were assigned January 9 court dates.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 21
Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 3 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday at noon and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Inspecting Corol; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 22
Noon: Screening of Saturday Night Thief, Two-Way Mirror, and For Apart; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Clossic Klezmer, with Klezory and I Musici de Montréal chamber orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Saturday, December 24
5:15 p.m.: Arts Council of Princeton's Annual Candle-

light Christmas Eve Caroling; Palmer Square Green.

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day

Monday, December 26
Recycling Pickup
2 p.m.: Inspecting Corol; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27
6 to 9 p.m.: Tuesday Nite Jazz with John Henry Goldman; Sunny Garden Restaurant, Farber Road.
7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Wednesday, December 28
10 a.m.: Snow Day, age-specific sessions for children 2 to 8; Princeton Public Library.

10 a.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

3 p.m.: Clossic Comedy Crossover: A Cinematic Holiday!; Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center.

8 p.m.: The Capitol Steps; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

Friday, December 30
8 p.m.: Squabbles; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.
8 and 10:30 p.m.: James P. Connolly; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31
8 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra New Year's Eve Concert; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

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1 tbslp butter
1 tbslp finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
3/4 lb raw shrimp, peeled
1 lb scallops
salt and freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup dry white wine or vermouth
2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
2 cups bechamel sauce (below)
1 cup crushed canned tomatoes
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/4 tsp crushed hot red pepper flakes
3 tbslp finely chopped parsley
1/4 tsp oregano
1/4 tsp basil
9 lasagne strips, cooked according to package directions
4 small skinless, boneless flounder filets, about 1 pound total
1 cup grated Swiss cheese



1. Melt the butter in a large skillet; add onions and garlic, cooking about 30 seconds. Add the shrimp and scallops (cut into bite-size pieces if large) and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
2. When shrimp begins to turn pink, add wine; cook, stirring briefly, just until wine comes to a boil. As soon as the wine boils, turn off heat. Transfer the seafood to a bowl using a slotted spoon.
3. Bring the cooking liquid to simmer; add mushrooms and cook about 5 minutes. Add Bechamel sauce, stirring to blend.
4. Add tomatoes; simmer about 5 minutes. Add cream, pepper flakes, salt and pepper to taste, parsley, oregano, and basil. Finally, pour off any liquid which may have accumulated in bowl of seafood and add to sauce.
5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees; butter bottom and sides of a lasagne pan or baking dish which is 9-1/2x13-1/2x2 inches.
6. Spoon a layer of sauce over bottom; and half the shrimp and scallops. Cover with some more sauce. Cover with 3 strips of lasagne.
7. Add a layer of flounder; add salt and pepper and a thin layer of sauce. Cover with 3 strips of lasagne.
8. Scatter remaining shrimp and scallops over; spoon a light layer of sauce over this; cover with 3 strips lasagne.
9. Spoon final layer of sauce over top. Sprinkle with cheese. (May be covered and refrigerated.)
10. Bake 30 to 45 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. (Allow more heating time if refrigerated.)

Bechamel Sauce:

4 tbslp butter
4 tbslp flour
2 cups milk
salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Melt butter in saucepan; add flour, stirring with wire whisk, until blended. Slowly add milk, stirring briskly with whisk. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir until thick and smooth.
2. Lower heat; cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes.

Adapted from: *Christmas Memories Cookbook*, published by Mystic Seaport Museum Stores.

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OBITUARIES

Mario R. D'Antonio

Mario Raphael D'Antonio, 79, of Princeton, died December 10 at home of pneumonia.

Born in Santa Lucia, Naples, he emigrated to Trenton at age 6 and grew up behind his father's barber shop on South Broad Street. By age 12 he was apprenticed to the tailoring department of the English Shop in Princeton. At 14 he travelled around Mercer County for Philco Radios, having earned a certificate in electronics at night while attending high school. In 1944 he graduated from Hamilton High School a year early as class valedictorian, so that he could enlist in the Army to serve in World War II. He received the Medal of Good Conduct, the American Theater Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

He attended Lehigh University under the G.I. bill, earning two degrees in three years, a bachelor of arts in mathematics and a bachelor of science in industrial engineering. He was a graduate of the class of 1950. At Lehigh he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, the Delta Omicron Theta Honorary Debating fraternity, and the Pi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity.

In the early 1950s, while launching what would become New Jersey's largest textile manufacturing business, he taught mathematics at The Lawrenceville School and Trenton Junior College.

Licensed by the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers his whole life, he worked as a design engineer on the Manhattan Project, the secret government effort that led to the creation of the atomic bomb.

He founded Trenton Textile Manufacturing Company in 1959 and became the capital's second largest employer, at one time employing more than 500 people in his plant on Perry Street. His East Wind Industries in Dover, Del., and later in Clayton, Princeton and Deerfield Beach, Fla.; a son, John of Titusville; a daughter, Ann

after DuPont de Nemours. East Wind was a \$45 million defense contracting business, supplying the military with equipage.

Long after retiring he was invited back into the engineering consulting business by Genesis Ltd. of Newtown, Pa., whom he advised on government contracts and procurement for the American and Iraqi military. His work took him all over Europe and Russia.

He was a founding member of Trenton Junior College, which became Mercer County Community College. He also headed the Mercer County Improvement Authority, responsible for linking up Princeton and Trenton with the Mercer Metro bus system from 1968 to 1970; and was chairman of the Mercer County Democratic Party in the early 1970s. He donated liberally to Stuart Country Day School, helping to launch the school.

Mr. D'Antonio served on the American Arbitration Association, settling labor disputes outside of the courts. He was decorated a cavaliere of the Stella della Solidaretà Italiana; named an Honorary Citizen of the worldwide charity Boys' Towns of Italy, and a director of the Boys' Club of Trenton; and honored with numerous awards for the Cancer Crusade of the New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society. He was also a director of the Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton for decades, a member of Trenton Country Club, and a donor to the YMCA of Trenton, which conferred upon him membership in its Century Club.

He was a lifelong member of The Aquinas Institute in Princeton, attending mass regularly.

Fluent in Italian, Spanish, and English, he could quote volumes of poetry by heart.

He was an advanced pilot in the United States Power Squadrons and an active boater all his life. He was also a raconteur and an avid reader and consumer of news.

Pre-deceased by his wife Yolanda, he is survived by his partner, Lillian Kaplan of Princeton and Deerfield Beach, Fla.; a son, John of Titusville; a daughter, Ann

D'Antonio Dry of Wassenaar, The Netherlands; and five grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held December 17 at The Thomas Aquinas Institute. It was followed by the interment of his ashes at Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Anita L. Anderson

Anita L. Anderson of Princeton died December 18 at home.

Born in Princeton, she resided most of her adult life in the Colts Neck area before moving back to Princeton in 2000. She was retired with more than 30 years of service as an elementary school teacher with the Freehold Township Board of Education.

She was a talented violinist and member of the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

Daughter of the late Joseph and Emily Maione Palumbo, she is survived by two sons, Kenneth of New York City and Thomas of Philadelphia; and two sisters, Elizabeth J. Steward of Princeton and Ruth S. Baggitt of Hopewell.

The funeral service will be today, December 21 at 1 p.m. at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. Burial will follow in Princeton Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 12:15 p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Choir College, 100 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton 08540.

Barbara H. Stein

Barbara Hadley Stein, 89, of Princeton, died December 9 at home.

Born in Kingston, R.I., she was the third child of Ruth Canedy, an educator, and Philip Hadley, a biologist, both of Shelburne Falls, Mass. Because of her mother's teaching positions in Europe in the aftermath of the World War I, she attended the International School in Geneva and the Odenvald School in Germany's Black Forest area. In Princeton and Deerfield Beach, Fla.; a son, John of Crittenden primary school in Shelburne Falls and Concord

Academy in Massachusetts, while collaborating with her husband on field research in Brazil (1948-49), Mexico (1958-59) and France, Spain, and England (1965-66).

After graduating from Smith College magna cum laude in Spanish and Latin American history in 1938, she taught in a rural primary school in Michoacan, Mexico. She then obtained an M.A. in Latin American History from the University of California at Berkeley in 1940, while taking the census and working in a cannery. Under the Good Neighbor Policy of President Franklin Roosevelt, she was appointed a State Department Exchange Fellow to study the abolition of slavery in Brazil as a social and political movement. In Brazil she met Stanley J. Stein, also on a graduate fellowship in history. They married in September 1943, shortly before he was sent to the European Theater as a naval officer in the Second World War.

After a teaching fellowship at Smith College, Mrs. Stein joined the war effort in Washington, D.C. Drawing on her knowledge of Latin America, she worked as a labor economist first in the Department of Labor and then in Nelson Rockefeller's Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Like many professional women of her generation, she turned her focus after the war to raising a family, while maintaining an active interest in Latin American history. Between 1945 and 1953 she and her husband, a graduate student at Harvard University, lived in Cambridge and Newton, Mass. In 1953, she moved to Princeton, where her husband joined Princeton University's History Department.

As a young mother, she was active in local educational and political organizations and shared her interests in music, art, and the outdoors with her children. With her family, she maintained a close connection to the land and history of New England, spending many summer months in Ashfield, Mass. It was also important to her to have her children with her

while collaborating with her husband on field research in Brazil (1948-49), Mexico (1958-59) and France, Spain, and England (1965-66).

In the 1960s she added a third career as Princeton University's first bibliographer for Latin American and Iberian Acquisitions. In that capacity, she formulated a long-term acquisitions policy and published *Latin America: A Guide to Sources in the Princeton University Library* (1977) and *Latin America: Serials in the Social Sciences and Humanities in the Princeton University Library* (1964 and 1977). She also expanded the Library's *Braziliana* materials, and initiated the collection of Latin American ephemera.

Her numerous published articles included *Brazil as Seen from Alabama, 1862*, *Princeton University Library Chronicle* (1967), and *Concepts and Realities of Spanish Economic Growth, Historia Iberica* (1972).

In 1969, she co-authored with her husband *The Colonial Heritage of Latin America*, which became a classic in its field. In 1977 she resigned from her position as bibliographer to dedicate herself to full-time research and writing, co-authoring, again with her husband, D.C.M. Platt, the *Anatomy of 'Autonomy'* (1980). In 2000 she and her husband published the first of a multi-volume study, *Silver, Trade and War: Spain and America in the Making of Early Modern Europe*; and in 2003, *Apogee of Empire: Spain and New Spain in the Age of Charles III*.

She is survived by her husband Stanley, Professor Emeritus at Princeton; three children, Margot Ballou Stein of Chapel Hill, N.C., Peter Gore Stein of Ardmore, Pa., and Joelle Hadley Stein of Belmont, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Princeton University Chapel on Saturday, January 21 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street, Princeton 08540; or to Princeton Hospice, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are by the Star of David Memorial Chapel, Princeton.

Ernest Schwiebert

Ernest George Schwiebert, Ph.D., 74, of Princeton, died December 10 at home. He was an architect, writer, and noted fly-fisherman.

He made scholarly contributions throughout his life as a writer, architect, and student of the art and science of fly-fishing for trout and salmon. He wrote more than 15 books about fly-fishing and architecture.

He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from Ohio State University in 1956. As an officer with the Air Force, he was a member of the architectural team that planned and built the Air

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Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. While there, he married Sara Mills in 1957.

Following the Air Force project, he entered graduate school at Princeton University in fine arts and architecture and planning, where he was the Lowell Palmer Fellow in Architecture from 1958 to 1962. He subsequently earned a master of fine arts in architecture and dual Ph.D. degrees in fine arts in architecture and planning and in philosophy in the history of architecture, also at Princeton. He practiced architecture and planning for 15 years in New York, Puerto Rico, Chile, Pakistan, Tibet, Malaysia, Australia, and Argentina.

He was best known for his extensive writings about fly-fishing. His books include *Matching the Hatch*, *Nymphs*, *Solomon of the World*, and the two-volume *Trout* and its subsequent republications. He wrote numerous magazine articles and short stories which were published in such collections

as *Remembrances of Rivers Past*, *Death of a Riverkeeper*, and *A River for Christmas*. His recent writings included contributions to *The New York Times* and *Hemispheres* magazine.

His numerous awards and honors included the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects, The Arnold Gingrich Literary Prize, the Aldo Starker Leopold Memorial Award, and life memberships with the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Federation of Flyfishers, and the Anglers Club of New York. He was a member of the Henryville Flyfishers, the Spring Ridge Club, and many other anglers clubs.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sara; a son, Erik, of Birmingham, Ala.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for early spring in Princeton.

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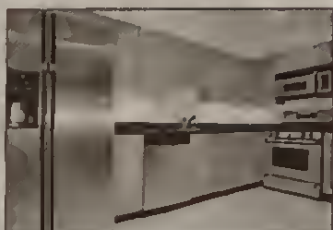
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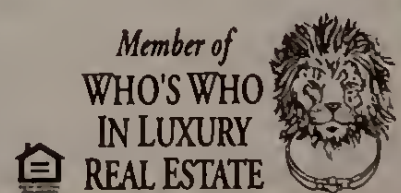
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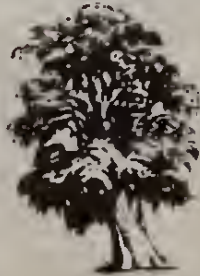
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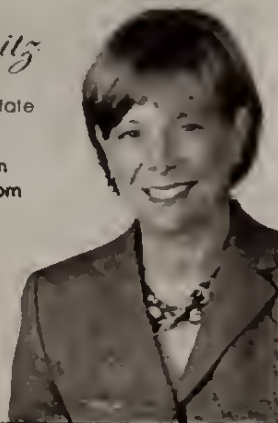
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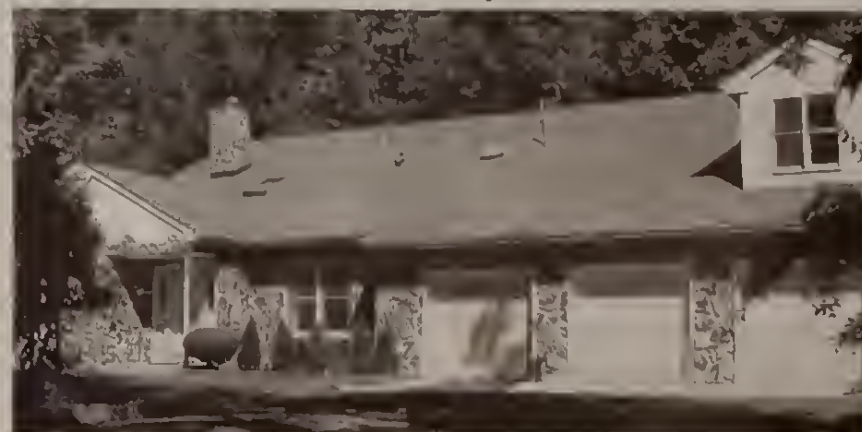
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In ancient times, people started the year at harvest time, and performed rituals to do away with the past and purify themselves for the new year. The early Romans gave each other New Year's gifts of branches from sacred trees. In later years, they gave gold-covered nuts or coins imprinted with pictures of Janus, the god of gates, doors, and beginnings. The ancient Persians gave gifts of eggs, symbolizing productivity, and the Celtic priests of what is now England gave the people branches of mistletoe.

The Celts took over many New Year's customs from the Romans. By the 1200s, English rulers had revived the

Roman custom of asking their subjects for New Year's Eve presents. Common gifts included jewelry and gold. Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large collection of richly-embroidered and jeweled gloves through this custom. English husbands gave their wives money on New Year's Day to buy pins and other items. This custom disappeared in the 1800s, but the term "pin money" still means small amounts of spending money.

Many American colonists in New England celebrated the New Year by firing guns into the air and shouting. They also visited taverns and houses to ask for drinks! On the contrary, other colonists attended church services. Some people held open houses, welcoming all visitors and feeding them generously.

Modern customs on New Year's Day include visiting

friends and relatives, giving gifts, attending religious services, and making noise with guns, horns, and bells. Children in Belgium write their back to where you were. Also, parents New Year's messages on decorated paper. The Chinese New Year begins between January 21 and February 19, and the celebration lasts four days. On the last night, people dress as dragons to frighten and delight the children. In Japan, many people worship on New Year's Day.

In the U.S., surely one of the most famous ways to spend New Year's Eve is at Time's Square in New York City. The big ball, atop One Times Square has been an attraction since 1906. Each year, many thousands of people descend upon Manhattan to experience this event. If you are thinking of joining them, here are some tips from a New York resident, who

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Be Prepared

"Get there early and be prepared. You'll be corralled into barricaded areas where you'll have to stay for the duration. If you leave, you can't get back to where you were. Also, remember to dress warmly, bring your own food and drink (non-alcoholic). By around 6 p.m., from 42nd to 47th, the streets between Broadway and 7th Avenue close. The police direct you into viewing sections, and as each section fills up, you get farther and farther away from the action.

"As the New Year draws near, giant video screens will display two minutes of sound effects and music culminating in a 30-second video countdown to mark the end of each hour. At T minus 2 hours, 30 minutes (9:30 p.m.), sanitation crews, clad in bright red uniforms, distribute thousands of fun hand-outs, including American flags, glittering multi-colored mylar pom-poms, single-use cameras,

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One couple looked forward to being part of the Times

Square celebration the first year of their marriage. "We were married in early December, and our first New Year's Eve together was special. After a candle light dinner in our apartment in Queens, we decided to venture into the Big Apple and watch the ball drop, welcoming in the New Year. Bundling up, we hurried to the subway and boarded the E train. This was fun! We

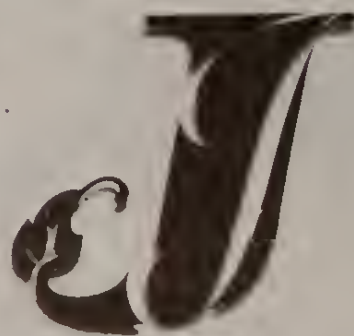
were becoming New Yorkers! As the subway approached the tunnel under the river, it ground to a stop. It sat there for what seemed an eternity, until it started up again. We finally made it to 42nd Street, but too late! As we climbed the steps, the crowds were dispersing, the ball had dropped, and the New Year had begun. Too late this year, but something to look forward

to in the future!"

Quiet Night

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"were engaged 14 years ago in December," recalls the distaff member of the couple. "I was never one to make a big deal about going out on New Year's Eve, and I said, 'if it's OK with you, we could just stay home and do something special.'"

That is the origin of their tradition, which now includes a candle light dinner of stuffed mushrooms as an appetizer, lobster tails, Caesar salad, baked potato, special vegetable, champagne, and apple crisp or Ghirardelli chocolate for dessert.

"I wear my special white lounging outfit and high heels with fur trim, and also a special, very pretty head band that my dad gave me," she continues. "We light a fire and have candles, and then start with the champagne and appetizer. We make every part special, as we have each course. Sometimes, we'll rent a movie — I remember one year, we watched 'Dr. Zhivago'. We're not night people, but we do try to stay up until midnight and have a toast. We do this every year, it's our own private celebration, and we really look forward to it."

Celebrating with Guy Lombardo, famous band leader of the mid-20th Century, was a tradition for many revelers of a certain age. Guy Lombardo is also credited with combining an old Scottish tune, with words by poet Robert Burns, into a New Year's Eve tradition.

"Guy Lombardo first heard 'Auld Lang Syne' in his youth from Scottish immigrants in his hometown of London, Ontario," explains Tyrone Traher, who has studied the origins of the song, and who organizes the Royal Canadian Big Band Festival and tribute to Lombardo every year in London, Ont."

"When Lombardo formed an orchestra with his brother in 1919, they arranged the piece and made it part of their repertoire. It seemed appropriate for New Year's — a time to look back," says Mr. Trayer. "So when the Lombardo brothers got the chance to headline a New Year's Eve party in New York in 1929, they played 'Auld Lang Syne' near midnight."

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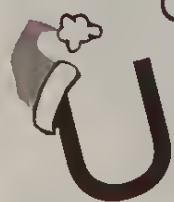


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played New Year's Eve radio and later TV specials for the Waldorf Astoria in New York, entertaining millions over the years.

"My mother-in-law loved New Year's Eve," remembers a Princeton neighbor. "She always tuned on the TV to Guy Lombardo, and enjoyed watching the dancing and the music. Although she was in her early nineties, she loved to watch the action, experiencing the total event vicariously. In her mind, she she was dancing the light fantastic to the strains of 'Should old acquaintance be forgot?'"

"And she never lost the wonder and excitement of watching the shimmering ball drop during the countdown in Times Square. After the New Year was properly ushered in, there was a grand spread at our home and a festive New Year's supper. Always cold cuts, pickles, coleslaw, and breads of many kinds, followed by Christmas cookies and oranges.

"Guy Lombardo is gone, but the memory of Grandma enjoying and celebrating New Year's Eve will never fade."

Celebrations can change from locale to locale, points out a friend, who moved from Princeton to Tucson a few years ago. "My husband and I were invited to a New Year's Eve party, given by our new next door neighbors. When we got the invitation, we were surprised to see that it was for 5 p.m. It specified that cocktails and dinner would be served to usher in the New Year.

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STYLING TEAM: The stylists at Chelsea Crimpers can provide the holiday hair cut, color, or styling that is just right for you. Left to right are April Crawford, Bob Lovuolo (owner), and Armida Bella. Stylist Mary Mennella is not shown. Hair is the focus here, with color, the specialty. The salon also offers a variety of holiday "up-do's", which are so popular for festive parties. Facial waxing and eyebrow shaping are other services, and gift certificates are a perfect way to remember someone on your list with a new hair style.

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"That's an awfully long party," said my husband. "Seven hours is a really long time to spend with people we don't know that well." After some discussion, we decided to attend. After all, we could always leave before midnight and walk home if the festivities became too long or the guests were doing too much celebrating (seven hours of saluting the New Year?)

No Problem

"No problem! Cocktails led to a lovely buffet dinner, a spectacular dessert, and at 9:40 the host began to fill champagne glasses. 'Honey, it's time to turn on Leno,' he said to his wife. And at 10 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, we watched the New York Times Square celebration, lifted our glasses, downed the bubbly, and were home by 10:15!"

Instead of celebrating New Year's Eve as a couples only event, one of my friends has family New Year's Eve parties each year. He and his wife invite a few friends and their children to celebrate at their house. They hire a teenager (better still, two) to feed the kids, play games, make cookies, do puzzles, generally keeping them amused in the family room, while the parents have their own party in the dining and living rooms. And there are designated drivers to bring the families home safely.

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One year, a new couple had moved into the neighborhood, and my friend decided to invite them and their 9-month-old baby. The baby slept for most of the party, while the older children watched videos and played video games. What a surprise it was for the adult revelers when the older children brought out Baby James at midnight. He was dressed in nothing but a diaper and a banner proclaiming "Happy New Year 2005!" One of the older gentlemen promised that he'd dress as Father Time next year.

What do you do with young teenagers on New Year's Eve? Most don't want to attend Mom and Dad's stodgy old party, and, of course, the parents don't want their kids out on the town. Last year, my neighbors hired an instructor from the local cooking school, and each family contributed to the cost of the chef and of the food. The teens loved it, as did the adults. They learned all about Mexican food, and this year, the teens have asked for Chinese.

Another friend, whose husband is from California, reports what she considers an odd New Year's custom. "He insists that beating on a kitchen pot with a wooden spoon at midnight on new Year's Eve is a tradition which was observed in his Hollywood Hills neighborhood. So he carries on the revelry by standing on the back patio and beating away. The first time he tried this in Princeton, we thought we were hearing echos, but it turned out there were quite a few other people cheerily beating rhythms on

pots and pans and calling out 'Happy New Year!' Every year, the informal percussion section continues to announce the arrival of the New Year."

Another Princeton couple recalls that one of their favorite New Year's Eves was at a costume party. "This was really fun! One couple came dressed as Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio, I went as Athena and my husband was Zeus! There were cheer leaders, Arab sheiks, belly dancers, even an organ grinder and monkey. Everyone stayed in costume and in character, and it was one of the best New Year's Eves ever!"

Blues on Blues

A professional singer, now living in the midwest, remembers a New Year's Eve involving a special wardrobe. "New Year's Eve in Boston one year was especially fun for me. I was singing with the Handel and Haydn Society, and was the alto soloist in the 'Haydn Creation' at Symphony Hall. After the concert, which included a party for the entire audience across the street in Horticultural Hall, I was also scheduled to sing a few 'Blues' songs as part of the entertainment.

"For the concert, I wore an 'electric' peacock blue gown, and I had planned to wear a navy blue sequined net gown — a gift from an aunt who had worn it in the 1930s — for the blues concert. Trouble was that this sequined net gown was very revealing of my figure, so I'd had to be on a diet for some time beforehand. I had the sequined gown hung on my bedroom door as an inspiration to stay on my diet. I got so used to seeing it hanging there that I forgot to take it to the concert!"



HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS?: Except for that fragment of a fender in the lower left, this photo from last weekend might have been taken a hundred years ago.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

"So, afterward, with no time to run home for the sequins, I wore the same peacock blue to sing the blues as I'd worn to sing the Haydn. The reviewer from the Patriot Ledger newspaper began one segment of his review with the words, 'Blues on Blues', as he noted my double appearance."

Some people really prefer to stay home New Year's Eve, either alone or with immediate family. Many enjoy activities totally unrelated to the holiday, including working on a stamp collection, model airplane, or exercising on the NordicTrak.

One such gentleman in Manhattan has a most unusual hobby, which he indulges on New Year's Eve. Reports his

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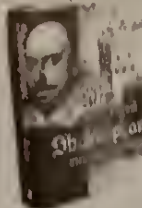
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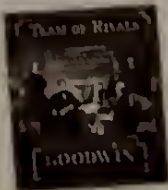


The author of *Angela's Ashes* and *Tis* has been celebrated since he broke onto the literary scene as a self-proclaimed "old man." In this third volume of memoirs, the Pulitzer laureate turns to one of his first loves, teaching. He describes his sometimes bumpy coming-of-age in the classroom and explains its integral relationship with his writing career.

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wife, "Jim has the world's second largest collection of tea bag labels; a lady in Holland has the largest. Every New Year's Eve, he sits on the floor in our apartment and counts them! I've gotten used to it by now, since he has been doing it for over 40 years! He refuses to go out because he says all the crazies are roaming the streets New Year's Eve!"

New Year's Day offers its own set of traditions, and again, people mark the occasion in different ways, depending on the state of their health. Hangovers are no fun, and over-indulging the night

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before can make for an uncomfortable next day.

Many Options

For those not under the weather, there are many options. A friend in New York City follows a special tradition, established by her mother. "My mother had a superstition that what you were doing on New Year's Day was an indication of what you would be doing for the rest of the year! Since I love to travel, I always make sure that I go somewhere in a car, train, bus, or plane. This is my way of ensuring that travel will be part of my life for the coming year.

"Another thing my mother did on New Year's Day was to cook black-eyed peas. She thought this would bring good luck in the New Year. Not being fond of black-eyed peas and sometimes finding them hard to locate, I always make sure that I have an excellent meal, either one I make, buy or go to a restaurant to eat. This way the New Year will bring good food.

"Since my mother might be right about New Year's Day and the coming year, I make sure I phone, visit, or invite to my house my family and important people in my life. This is a hopeful way of making sure we will be close in the coming year. Another easy way to invite good luck for the New Year is to burn an evergreen candle. I burn any kind of scented candle when I can't find the evergreen ones. Even

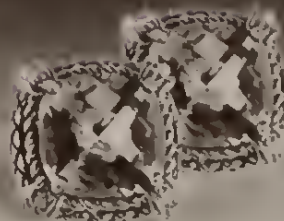
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if the candle doesn't do its assigned task, the house smells good.

"So, New Year's Day is a busy one for me and leaves little time for resolutions! It's also a happy day — speaking to people I love, getting out and about, and finishing it off with delicious food. A good start to what I always hope will be a special year."

Another friend enjoys celebrating with a New Year's Day brunch. "Because I'm a morning person, I like to celebrate with a brunch in my own home with friends. I know that I'm the exception and haven't spent a late evening, so for a brunch party, I invite guests from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. That gives me time to do freshly-made yeast rolls, such as sticky cinnamon pecan rolls and rich apricot, prune and poppy seed-filled Czech pastries called Kolache. Fresh ground coffee and orange juice are a must, and bloody Marys are popular. A big bowl of fresh oranges and pineapple are perfect this time of year. Baked oatmeal as well as a casserole of baked eggs with sausage, cheese, and potatoes are easy to keep hot on electric hot trays.

"There is always lovely music playing as the day continues. Public radio broadcasts from Vienna and those wonderful Strauss waltzes. And there are all the festivities surrounding the football games, especially the Rose Bowl Parade.

"As morning blends into noon, kielbasa, chili, and rolls made with Greek olives and rosemary become the focus of the food. Wine and beer go well with these savorys, which include pretzels with homemade mustard and taco shells with tangy salsa, microwaved with cheese to melt and blend the hot and the rich!"

A Princeton family always celebrates the day with an annual open house egg nog party. Served in a cut glass punch bowl, the egg nog is as attractive to look at as it is to sip during the afternoon. Finger sandwiches, sweet pastries, cookies, brownies, cakes and coffee round out the refreshments, which always seem to have disappeared by the time guests leave around 6.

A Princeton friend met her husband at just such a New Year's Day party. "Friends invited us to their annual New Year's Day," she says. "I remember going 18 years ago, and that's when I met Bob. I remember exactly what he was wearing — a camel jacket, blue shirt, and red tie. He says he remembers what I wore, too — a long wool plaid skirt, navy blue top, and long pendant. I can't believe he was that observant!"

Enjoying New's Year parties and gatherings sensibly is the way to celebrate, advise many party-goers. You can have fun without going over the top! Too much alcohol can lead to trouble — not to mention, headaches — and if champagne, etc. is served at your party, it is a good idea to appoint a designated driver for the ride home.

SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) has also instituted programs in which one student is the designated driver, and certain restaurants and clubs also provide drivers for patrons who have indulged in too much of the bubbly. Check it out!

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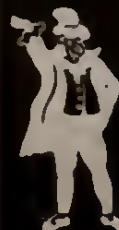
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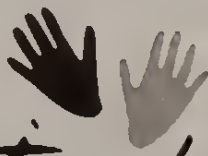


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JOINING FORCES: The Princeton High School Choir joined the Princeton Symphony Orchestra for the annual Family Holiday Concert last Saturday at Richardson Auditorium. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

New Year's Eve

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the resolutions. A newspaper recently listed the top 10 New Years' resolutions. Among there were spending more time with friends, fitting in fitness, taming the bulge, quitting smoking, learning something new, getting out of debt, and getting organized.

Getting Organized

The "getting organized" resolution reminded a friend about her own effort a few years ago, "I decided to get

rid of the clutter, and signed up for a class at the local community college," she reports. "A friend signed up with me, as her daughter is a world class clutterer (might compete with me in the nationals!)"

"Barb and I learned a lot. After each class, I would tackle another project (getting rid of 'Gourmet' magazines from the '80s, clearing off dresser tops, etc.) I even learned how to 'mourn' parting with a special outfit I hadn't worn since the '70s

(coming to the realization that this size 6 body now has a 1 in front of the 6!).

"Barb took notes, as did I, and brought home the book which had been given us by the instructor. She couldn't wait until her daughter came home from college so she could show her how to reorganize her closets, stack of papers, and her life in general.

"A few days before Lisa was to arrive, Barb called me. 'Could I borrow your How to Unclutter book,' she queried. 'Mine is somewhere in the

house, but I have no idea where!!!!' I searched for mine for a while, and finally located it: in a pile, on my dresser, under 'Gourmet' magazines."

True story. Despite best intentions ... Still, it is always good to make the effort.

So, it is out with the old and in with the new. As the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" mark the outgoing 2005, "We'll take a cup of kindness yet" for days gone by, and hope for a New Year full of promise.

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Hanukkah, The "Festival of Lights" Celebrates A Miracle and Tradition

My childhood memories of Hanukkah are of a very happy time spent with my brother and my parents. We would light the candles in the kitchen, often on three menorahs — one for my brother, one for myself, and one for the whole family. Then, my brother and I would scramble into the living room, and kneel down facing the sofa, so that we could hide our eyes by mashing our faces into the sofa cushions. We would receive permission to lift our heads and open our eyes, and Mom and Dad would miraculously appear with the presents, having retrieved them from a secret hiding place that we were never able to find — ever. And we certainly tried! Every year, for eight nights in a row, we'd perform the candle-lighting and then receive our presents." This warm recollection of Hanukkah reflects the feeling



SANTA AND THE SCOUTS: Princeton's Boy Scout Troop 43 recently paid a visit with Santa at the herbal garden on Paul Robeson Place. The troop has been in existence since 1918 and has been selling Christmas trees in town (Chambers Street) for over 50 years. Clockwise from left are: Sean Wulf, William Westcott, Mark Reed, Scott Bennett, Andrew Sharpe, Alexander Bennett, Ian Wulf, Michael Treves, and Santa.

of a young man who looks back on happy memories of this special 8-day event.

Jewish children around the world anticipate the holiday, which this year begins on December 25. They look forward to the lighting of the candles, the special foods, songs, games, and Hanukkah gifts, which are traditional in many families.

Their parents and grandparents share in the children's excitement, while remembering the significance of Hanukkah, which commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

Eight Days

When the Jews reclaimed the Temple in 164 BCE, following years of foreign control, they found that it had been filled with Greek symbols and statues, which they removed. They then needed to purify and sanctify the Temple. Part of the ritual was to rekindle the "Eternal Light", which is present in every Jewish house of worship. Once lit, the lamp should never be extinguished. They found only a small amount of pure oil, however, enough to burn for one day, which would not allow time to prepare a new supply. Miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days, giving them time to acquire more.

This miracle is celebrated for eight evenings at sunset during Hanukkah. A special Hanukkah — Hanukkah menorah, a candlestick with nine branches — occupies a place of honor in the window, and the candles are lighted consecutively for eight days. A shamash or "servant" candle is used to light each of the others: one the first night, two the second, and so on.

"I loved the lighting of the menorah," says a Princeton resident, who grew up in New York City in the 1960s. "My mother lit it every evening, and it was so pretty. I still use the same menorah we had when I was a child."

"I also remember when they got electric menorahs. We were in a Jewish neighborhood, and there were lights from the menorahs in every window. I also remember playing the dreidel game when my cousins came."

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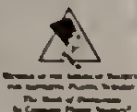
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Often, it is the mother in the family who lights the candles. In other families, the father performs the ritual, and children take turns sharing the honor. Sometimes, each child has his or her own menorah. Special prayers are said by the family at the time of the candle lighting, followed by traditional Hanukkah food, songs, dancing, games and gifts. Many times, relatives and friends are invited to take part in the festivities.

Traditionally, latkes or potato pancakes, fried in oil, are the feature of the meal, which can also include apple sauce, sour cream, and a special jelly donut or sufganiot. Food cooked in oil is also a reminder of the miracle of the burning oil so many centuries ago.

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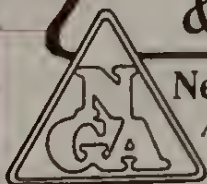
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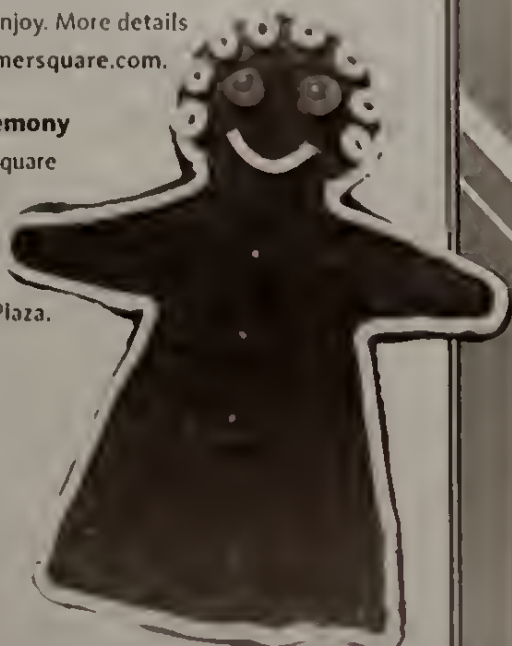
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and should give you great results. For the best outcome, use a high temperature oil like peanut oil for frying. Also, if you cover the grated potatoes with flour, it will prevent the potatoes from turning dark before they are cooked. Finally, I always put in several cloves of grated garlic, as well. For about 20 pancakes, you will need:

- 4 cups peeled, grated potatoes
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoon flour
- 2 eggs
- pepper to taste
- a few tablespoons of oil for the skillet

"Wash, peel, and grate the potatoes. Squeeze out the liquid. Combine with onion, salt, flour and pepper. Lightly beat the eggs and stir into the mixture. Heat the oil in a skillet, and spoon in tablespoons of the mixture to make medium-sized patties. Brown on one side, turn and brown lightly on the other. Repeat with the rest of the mixture, adding more oil to the skillet as needed. Serve with applesauce, cottage cheese, yogurt, or sour cream.

"By the way," adds the chef, "if children are interested in helping, make sure there is an adult near by. Fried foods can get very hot and can burn!"

Traditional Hanukkah songs may also be part of the celebration, as well as dancing the Hora, and games for children. Playing with the dreidel, a spinning top with four sides, each side featuring a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, is a popular custom enjoyed by many children, and sometimes

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the adults join in, too. Another way to celebrate for the kids is to hold a treasure hunt, with presents and coins hidden around the house. Who will find the first Hanukkah gift?

The custom of giving gifts varies from household to household, but certainly, for many children, it is a highlight of the occasion.

Chocolote Coins

"We always looked forward to the presents, which were piled high on the coffee table," says a neighbor, who grew up in New York. "There would be toys, clothes, and dolls — it was really special."

A gift of gelt — a sum of money — is another tradition observed in some Jewish families. It can also be given in the form of chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil.

The "Hanukkah Box of Questions" is a new item available at Merrick's store in Princeton this year. It contains 25 coasters and ornaments, which feature questions, such as "What does lighting the candles mean to you?" "What is your favorite Hanukkah memory?"

"These are ways to generate conversation at dinner, and

get everyone thinking about the occasion," says a friend who plans to include them in her celebration this year.

In addition to the lighting of menorahs in individual households, the Jewish Center will light its menorah at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, followed by a dinner. On Tuesday, Dec. 27, the annual Palmer Square menorah lighting will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Hulfish Plaza North by Mediterranean Restaurant. The Sheket Choir will sing festive music.

"Giving, not just receiving, is important," adds Rabbi Adam Feldman of The Jewish Center of Princeton. "I like to emphasize to the kids the giving of gifts. Hanukkah is a great time for thinking about giving. We know they will all be receiving gifts, but I want them to understand the importance of giving."

Rituals are significant to people. They are a connection to the past and they establish continuity — a bridge to the future. Especially in this, the darkest time of the year, Hanukkah, the "Festival of Lights", is particularly welcome to remember the past and give light to the future. In the words of one Hanukkah song: "One for each night, they shed a great light, to remind us of days long ago."

—Jean Stratton



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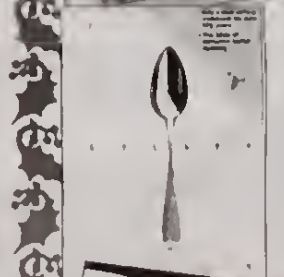
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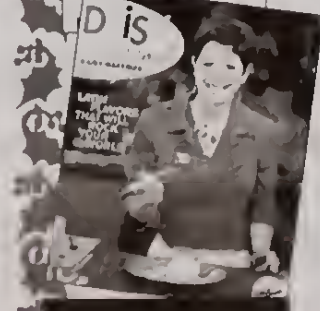
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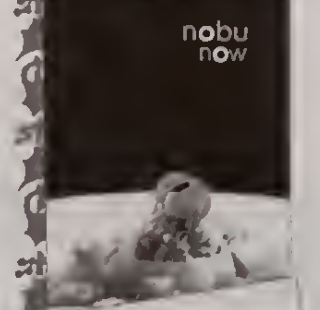
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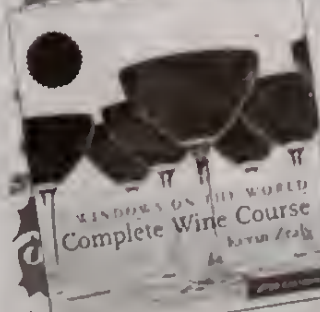
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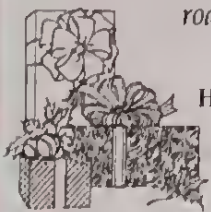
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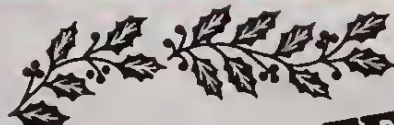
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